

Summary of Survey Comments

Total Responses	255	
Yes, Support	13	5.1%
No, Not Support	218	85.5%
Undetermined/Other	24	9.4%

Respondent Information	Comments	Support Creation of Pioneer SD? Y=YES N=NO
1767	If my taxes were to increase I and many other new home buyers in my area would not be able to keep our houses. Many houses would go up for sale and the property values would decline. I am a teacher in the Alpine district and do not want the district to split. Teachers with seniority would have first pick at the jobs and I would possibly be out of a job. My salary and benefits would be in jeopardy with the a new district after a year. If I were not allowed to keep my current job I would seriously look at going to a district with security not a brand new district. I think many of my colleagues feel the same and a new district would not have many experienced teachers willing to work for it. Finally the proposed new district does not have the ability to support the student body growth. It needs the most future construction of school and yet has the smallest tax base.	N
1779 Marnee Lemon	I think splitting the Alpine School District is a terrible idea. Lehi does not have a big enough tax base to support it's own school system without raising property taxes a ton. We bought our home here in Lehi one year ago. We do not have the extra funds to support a huge property tax increase. One of the reasons we moved to Lehi (from Provo) was to be in the Alpine district, which now might be taken away from us. I do not think Alpine district is too large and I think to cut Lehi away from it would be to disadvantage our students in the future. Many of the extra programs Alpine is able to offer would not be affordable in a smaller district. I also think that it's unfair that this possibility is being presented and pushed through by a small minority of people. I don't believe many people who signed the original petition fully understood the long-term and monetary effects that would come from splitting the district.	N
1836 Lisa McArthur Teacher/Resident	It is a grievous mistake to create the Pioneer School District. As a teacher myself, I recognize that there are problems with Alpine School District. However, creating a new district is not the answer. Lehi does not have the commercial tax base or expertise to support the new school district. The burden would rest solely on the residents of Lehi. The citizens of Lehi need to look at the entire issue and not let their anger with Alpine School District force them to make a hasty and irredeemable decision. The citizens of Lehi need to vote no to the new school district. As a resident myself, I do not want my taxes to be increased ten-fold to create a school district that would be detrimental to Lehi.	N
1882	Why did the question about recently moving only have options to choose that said you moved. Shoudn't there have been an option of none or not applicable? Why did the questions about how many students you had in the Alpine school district include current and past but not future? This split will affect the future students more than present or past. I am extremely concerned about the splitting of the district. I am afraid for the students. They will lose the most here. I really don't see a benefit for anyone. If there are benefits they must only apply to a few. Residents of Lehi will have to pay higher taxes. Any employees of the new district will more than likely have to take a pay cut. Some teachers may loose their jobs to make room for teachers with tenure. Both districts will be financially strained for years to come.... what benefit does that have for our children? Won't it cut opportunities cause there won't be money? I would like to know what tremendous benefit this split would give to both Alpine and Pioneer districts because I don't see any. I also don't think the public has had a fair shake when it comes the the amount of information the have/have not received.	N
1948 Lance Lemon Father, Scout Master, Engineer	There are no true benefits to dividing the Alpine School District. Dividing the Alpine School District would have the following negative effects: Increase the cost to provide the same educational opportunities that are currently available. Increase the number of people needed to keep the schools functioning. Decrease the educational opportunities of students. Decrease the ability to provide an education that does not leave any child behind. Decrease the flexibility to address fluctuations in population distribution. Create separation between friends that are students at Freedom Elementary.	N
1984 Brent L. Milne Retired Principal None	As I look at this proposal, there seems to be a hidden agenda by some individuals who are pushing for the change. If it is politically motivated so there are more opportunities for administrative and district office personnel, I think it needs to be addressed. When you split one district into two, you must look at the additional administrative costs. It will be almost double. The money could be better spent in the individual schools and on the students. I hope someone is looking at the total costs for two school districts as compared to one. The administrative costs are not the only factors to consider. What about a place to house maintenance, supplies, buses, etc. I'm sure you can cut some "fat" out of the present district administrative sturcture at the distritic office and make it more efficient. The Board and the Superintendent need to look at this. If individual schools were given more financial and administrative autonomy and held accountable you would see major improvement in the system. There must be Site Based Management that is actual and not just lip service.	
2255 John Zumbrennen	Texas is a good example of inefficient use of tax money to support multiple school districts even within a single city. From a selfish point of view I would rather not have to pay for the growth going on in the west part of the district. However the additional burdon on the tax base for overpaid school district administrators is too much to accept.	
2268	The five questions that deal with the most important issues associated with this proposal are VERY poorly written. Many of the items on the list were thought fragments. I tried to determine what might have been suggested by these but was guessing for most of them!	
2280	I found it irresponsible for a survey to assume that I wanted Alpine School district to be split. (See the default answer for question #1.)	
2292	I can not imagine a split would save money. Too many necessary administrative positions are tied to specific incoming dollars. Both districts would have to maintain similar administrative staffing to be able to function without loosing a considerable amount of funds and efficiency. It is true that a large district is weldy but it is also very much more cost effective . Use your school board members to get your needs known and addressed.	N
2304	I do not feel that dividing Alpine School District would improve the quality of education, in fact it would go down. Taxes would have to go up. Quality teachers would not stay in the Pioneer District. Why would Lehi residents want to pay for all of the growth themselves when we have been paying for the growth in the other areas of the Alpine school district for years. It is now our turn to let the rest of the school district help our students. If we want more local control work with the current board of education and get curriculum control, within state tuidlines, back to the local high school areas. There is too much at stake, the future of our children, to destroy the current system. I agree that the current systems needs improving but you don't destroy the good you have so you can repair the bad. I can guarantee you that if the Pioneer School District is formed it will be the end of growth in Lehi, Eaglemountain, and Saratoga Springs. Nobody will be able to afford the taxes. If this goes to a vote it will not matter what the residents of Lehi, Eaglemountain and Saratoga Springs wants. Orem, Pleasant Grove, American Fork, Lindon, Cedar Hills, Alpine, Highland will all vote to get rid of Lehi because then they will not have to pay for the growth we are experienci	N

	2338	There are too many homes for resale in the Eagle Mountain area due to the owners inability to pay utilities, taxes and mortgages now. There WILL be a tax increase and it would be at the least double just to keep the system as we now have it. There is not enough business tax base to pick up the extra monies needed. It would be unwise to split the district and unfair to the children educationally. They would not enjoy the same opportunities they have now because there would not be the funding.	N
	2363	We can't afford to pay for a new district. It would be devastating for the children. Opportunities would be less because we wouldn't have the funding.	N
	2375	There just isn't enough tax base to support such a move and everyone would lose out. If you split and after a year it becomes evident it just isn't going to work then what is your great proposal? Solution remove Dave Cox from the legislature.	N
	2389	We need to leave things as they are we do not have the community size and tax base to run this venture. Too many people can't afford their new homes in Eagle Mountain now.	N
	2402	Leave things the way they are. The growth is too fast for a small district to keep up without business tax base. Lehi help pay for Orem schools now it is Orem's turn to help.	N
	2426	We all need to put our monies together to have a successful district.	
	2450	The survey itself is of very poor quality. It looks like the possible concerns list was developed by someone who strongly favors a new district. The two issues that seem important to me were not even in the list. I think that the Lehi area has such a weak tax base that there is no way citizens will be able to pay for current bond obligations and build and operate small schools without a significant tax increase. My knowledge of Lehi citizens would indicate that they aren't happy with their current tax load let alone a big increase. Bedroom communities such as the proposed district don't come close to paying their own way, and I see no reason to believe that situation will change any time soon. The strong tax base in the district is in the Orem area, and is starting to develop in Lindon, Pleasant Grove and American Fork. The four communities I mention, carry the rest of the District financially. My second concern has to do with the curricular offerings. The complaints from Lehi not withstanding, I think without the kind of forward looking programs and leadership demanded by other District patrons, such as those in Orem, the new district may become a rather second rate academic entity.	N
	2644	I think that the impact that is going to be had in the schools has not been adequately addressed. Although I can see the value of a smaller district, I think that the fiscal responsibility that will be foisted upon this community has not been adequately addressed. There is very little industry to support the weight pupil unit that comes from the state. Look at successful small school districts such as Provo to our south as opposed to not so successful small districts even farther south. It has been said that there will be more teacher/community choice but the reality is that there will be little choice because there will be no money in which to implement these choices.	
ASD Employee	2693	What's the source of funding for a new district? It's expensive to hire a new superintendent, school board, food service department, maintenance department, computer department and more. What about building new facilities? Will the proposed district buy facilities from ASD? Lease them from ASD? Build new facilities? There are too many fundamental questions unanswered for me to currently support the proposed Pioneer district.	N
Lori	2703	I will be greatly impacted by this split because I teach in the Lehi area. I do not want the district to split. I am happy with what the district offers now.	N
	2717	I am concerned of the timing of this issue. Based on the sub-standard treatment that Lehi schools have received from the Alpine School District over the past 30 years (and it continues) this is a good idea. Based on the retail and commercial tax base in the Lehi area, this may not be the time to split. If Alpine School District viewed Lehi students with the equality the district claims to give all students, this would be a non-issue. The disparity has been so bad over the years that I am surprised that an investigation of the districts spending practices has not taken place. It is simply a matter of prejudice and discrimination. I came to this area 16 years ago and was shocked to see this kind of thing going on in "LDS" communities.	
Dan Rice Educator Lehi High School	2737	We are dealing with economic problems already in Eagle Mountain, as well as financial problems with homeowners in the ranches and surrounding area. To increase the taxes to support a new district (administration offices, new administrators, busses and bus garage, all the employees needed to support the new district and its facilities (maintenance, food services) would be even more of a burden to these people. In our area we do not have a large enough tax base to support a new district. Alpine district has the tax base of Orem and all the businesses in the area. Also because of the size of Alpine school district it is able to offer its employees benefits that a small district could not. Educators would possibly lose these benefits. I have much more on my mind about this subject but for the sake of time I will conclude with saying I feel that this study wasted money that could have gone to education. If I am wrong please let me know.	N
	2833	I am in favor of smaller school districts with less administrative positions and costs BUT, at this time the north county area does not have the tax base to pay for its own school district.	N
	2876	I'm a business manager with an MBA and I don't see how an additional district can possibly result in anything but much higher costs and reduced educational opportunities for the students. I think this idea has been poorly thought through if at all.	N
Lynette M. Rushton Secretary Sego Lily Elementary School	2939	In Lehi, we have always felt like the ugly step child -- we will go from that to living under the viaduct if we split the district. We have no tax base to support the educational programs that will make us equal with Orem. Employees will have to move to Alpine School District in order to maintain their salary level, leaving Pioneer District with inexperienced teachers and large class sizes. Please be objective as you study this situation and make sure that we do not end up like the small districts in the southern part of the state. We helped build Orem schools, now their taxes should be helping build Lehi Schools.	
Margo Ungricht Educator Lehi Junior High School	2969	I went to the first community meeting for the split...I was not impressed. The split serves a very small group of individuals with a personal agenda, and does not serve the majority of the students in the proposed "new" district at all. I believe the parents of the affected communities need to be proactive with the district instead of reactive...go to board meetings consistently, sit on school boards, go to caucuses, and most importantly, vote (when only 30% of our population votes...they have bypassed the most effective avenue for voice in our community).	N
Luanne Olson	3034	I see an advantage to Alpine School District to have the Lehi High School attendance area leave the district because of the incredible growth and development. It truly is a drain on Alpine School District's resources. I feel other areas in the district are funding the Lehi area's growth. However, in years past, the Lehi area has funded extreme growth in the south end of the district. I am concerned that the people of the new district realize the complexity and cost of creating a new district.	Y
Lance LeVar Instrumental Music Director Timpanogos High School	3082	In the current budget crunch that Utah has to create an entirely new school district with new officials would be a waste of money. While I think it may be a good idea in the future to split the district, to even consider adding that expense to the already strapped budget is asinine.	N
	3127	I do not support the creation of the proposed Pioneer School District.	N
Dennis Bailey Teacher Lehi High School	3154	If this gets on the ballot, I am afraid it will have the votes from American Fork to Orem to pass -- not because it is better for education, but they will be glad if they don't have to finance the growth that will happen in Pioneer District. What does Pioneer District propose to do for a tax base?	

Mr. & Mrs. Lynn C. Lott Lehi Citizen	3249 We are not happy about Mr. Cox's idea of pushing us into a new school district. We as a community are NOT prepared to support such a burden! Smaller school district, for a year maybe, but with all the growth have the potential to grow and totally drain the community. We are long time residents of Lehi do not feel Lehi had the Tax base needed to support a new school district.	N
Jim Easley	3284 How can anyone be so foolish as to think splitting the district is a wise decision? Number 1, Lehi has no tax base and number 2, how can you save money by doubling the overhead. However, as a resident of Orem, I can see benefits for ME. Go ahead Lehi- sink if you are that stupid- I'll save money in taxes but my family members in Lehi will suffer from the tax increases that are certain to follow. Great way to cause bitter feelings in communities. Who thought this ridiculous thing up?	N
	3320 Why do we have to start paying for additions in our area by ourselves-- when through the years we have helped pay for all of their expansions and etc. They should help pay for all the expansions that are having to be made in our area now to supply our children with the same education as theirs, without putting the total cost on the home owners or they should be having to help with the costs. Just because our area is starting to grow and theirs are basically done with growth the needs are still there for all to help with the costs.	N
Alec Hrynshyn teacher/ parent Lakeridge Junior High	3394 As a parent, taxpayer, and teacher in Alpine district (Orem area), I say why not let them go? Lehi currently is a drain on resources that can be used here in the southern end of the district. What do we get from the Lehi area? Seems to me that if Pioneer splits off, we will keep more of our tax base here and use it in Orem, PG, AF... where it is really needed. Instead of using money to build new schools out west, we can improve our older schools in Orem, like OHS, Lakeridge, OJH, PG schools, AF schools...	Y
Sarah C. Woolsey English Teacher Lone Peak High School	3472 I can see absolutely no positive outcome for students, teachers, parents and patrons of Lehi, Eagle Mountain, Saratoga Springs etc. if the new district is formed. Rather, for the residents of those communities, I see drastically increased taxes, fewer employee benefits, reduced student opportunity and years of overall educational deterioration. Bottom line, this idea is bad for kids.	N
	3489 I tried this yesterday, decided I wanted to change some of my answers, and was unable to then complete the survey and get to this screen. In other words, the set-up of this survey is not exactly user-friendly. But, thanks for asking anyway. I am definitely against setting up a much smaller district. Academically, I believe, students have much more opportunity in larger high schools with smaller classes, and in smaller elementary classes and schools. I don't know how teachers or students exist in Alpine District's "productivity model" junior high schools.	N
E.B. Parker teacher	3538 All of the growth with young families in low to medium income homes will be in the proposed new district area. There is no commercial tax base for this district. Where do we all shop? Orem, Provo, Am. Fork. This is such a stupid proposal at this time that I can't see how anyone with any degree of intelligence can even think about making this change. It is irresponsible.	N
John R. Pool ID Life Skills Teacher Alpine School District	3641 I really question Dave Cox's reasoning behind this. Is he looking at one day having Superintendent in front of his name knowing he could never achieve that in Alpine District. Also how is this cheaper, when you are going to have to hire a new Superintendent, his staff, office staff, build a new district office, maintenance facility, etc. You'll have to duplicate what is now being done with one. I also have a question on his small school districts he uses in his proposal. What are the names of these districts and where are they located. Are these in areas of influence, low income districts, or a variety of a mixture? What happens to all the teachers pink slipped who aren't guaranteed they will be picked up again? What effect will this have on benefits teachers in this district have worked hard at obtaining over the years? Especially those getting close to retirement? What really happens to all the good programs that have been put into use to benefit the students? I see this as nothing more than a personal issue between Mr. Cox and the District.	N
Robert M. Williams Mathematics Teacher Alpine School Dist/Pl. Grove Jr. High	3815 I think the division is ill-advised, but I think the district could be run much more efficiently. The administration is very top-heavy and over paid. More money is spent on up-keep of new bldgs. than old ones. I don't think there is a broad enough tax base in the proposed new area to meet expenses without raising the residential property tax sky-high.	N
Mr. Peaslee	3846 I am considering moving into the area of the proposed new district. I am concerned about the additional costs of a separate district and the ability of the local tax base to support it. I believe that my two son's education would suffer if we live in the new district. If the idea continues to be debated we will not move to this area.	N
Lori Christensen	4039 I do not support a district division at all. It would negatively impact everyone living in the Lehi area. According to info I have seen, there is nothing to gain by a district split.	N
Bret Thomas	4127 I am a public school teacher in the Jordan School district. I notice that when a school or a district is larger, there are more educational opportunities for students. In other words, in a larger school/district a certain elective class may be offered because enough students are enrolled to make it worthwhile. In a smaller school, there may not be enough students interested to assign a teacher to teach that class. For example, why offer a video production class with only 4 students, when a math class has 40. I am not against splitting the district as much as I am against splitting it to the current Lehi High school boundaries. I would be interested to have the option of a north-south split considered by the committee. I worry that Orem and parts south aren't experiencing the growth that the northern parts of the district are. So they are unwilling to pay for them. Yet when they were growing, the northern parts of the district helped funding.	N
Ruth Gowans Coordinator of Off-Campus Utah Valley State College	4210 I do not and will not support the splitting of Alpine School District. The state is already struggling to maintain the districts that they have now in providing a good education for our children. I will not have my taxes raised to support this. I will pay to have additional schools, more academic programs, improving the quality of the programs, etc.	N
Colleen Philipp Second Grade Teacher Westfield Elementary	4220 I have been a patron and an employee of ASD for over 25 years. I feel that splitting the district is a mistake. Most of the \$\$ for new schools is now going to the Lehi area anyway. How will they do it without the support of a large district? We do not need more administrators spread out over 2 districts. We have our problems but we have a wonderful school district who really care about children. KEEP ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT TOGETHER!!!!	N
	4260 Because I live in Orem, I think I would be better off not financing all the new building in these growing areas. Let them take on their own tax burdens if they choose and good luck. Right now, they're getting the better part of the deal.	Y
Nancy Turner	4332 I think it is not cost effective to split the district, students of Alpine School District will not benefit from the split and Lehi student will suffer.	N

4480	A new district will be detrimental to the education of students in the proposed area. I do NOT support this. The proposed new district will not be able to pay or insure advanced teachers what they receive from Alpine. Besides losing good, experienced, trusted teachers, the promise of smaller schools and classes is unconvincing. The projected growth in Lehi city alone will bring need for multiple new schools requiring bonding for funds. The area of the proposed new district has very little tax base other than property taxing. This is a poorly designed proposal and the public has not been given enough information about the short-term impact.	N
Rebecca Ethington		
4544	DON'T SPLIT ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT!!!	N
4603	The cost of facilities, administration, benefits for employees, maintenance, transportation, etc. for an entire new district would be a waste of educational dollars and taxes, causing taxes in both districts to be increased significantly. I think it is a disservice to the taxpayers because of that. Although many in the North feel that they support the slower growing areas in the South part of the district with their tax dollars, the opposite was true for many years when the South part of the district was where most of the growth was while the North was more stable in growth.	N
4639	I did not see the item about not splitting the Alpine Diswtrict until part way through the items. My highest priority is to not split the alpine district.	N
4641	I think the split is a definite problem. The economic impact has not been researched. We already pay enough taxes. Have people really checked into what the impact will be for the AP or other upper end classes? If we do not have the number of student participation or the money to fund them what will happen with those students. They will have to go without what they need to qualify or compete for scholarships. They will be going against the larger school district such as Alpine and others who can afford the classes. I think this all has to do with a politician who wants a name. Lets go back to the real basics...who are we really looking out for. I think it should be the education of our future leaders.	N
G. Cooper		
4993	I absolutely do not support Lehi and surrounding areas creating their own school district. I have been very pleased with the education, facilities, amount of tax dollars spent, and overall services that have been given to my child by the Alpine School District.	N
Melanie Hansen		
5005	How would the ASD be renumerated if a split happened? Also, how would the new PSD support itself with very little business taxes?	
5012	I believe that a creation of a separate Lehi District would be catastrophic. It would difficult to attract and retain the most qualified teachers because it is not clear that a new district would be able to pay same salary and benefits as a larger district. A smaller district does not automatically mean smaller schools or classrooms. More buildings, more teachers, more tax dollars mean smaller classrooms. How can a new LHS district begin to cover these costs with a tax base that would be one of the lowest in the State? How would a new LHS District be able to keep pace with the growth? The WPU unit does not cover the cost building and opening new schools. How would the proposed district ever be able to pass a bond that would come even close to covering the demanding needs when we can barely keep place now? I also question the interpretation of the data used to justify the dividing of larger districts into smaller districts. I suggest to the committee that someone that is a statistician interpret the data to determine what is statistically significant as far as the effect of splitting the district. Another concern to be addressed is in relation to the quality of education and property values. If the proposed district is not able to build schools or retain highly qualified teachers...	N
Sheldon Worthington Principal Lehi High School		
5053	If the people of Lehi and surrounding area want to create their own school district and feel it would benefit them and their needs, I feel it should go to a vote and let the people decide it.	
P.R. Olson		
5111	Other areas of the country we have lived in are consolidating school districts for budgetary reasons. I can't believe splitting ASD would be economically feasible, and I believe the students would get a poorer education as a result if the district was split.	N
5114	While completing the survey, I was angered by the top five options offered. Your responsibility as a committee is to look at the financial feasibility of splitting the district. Questions related to curriculum are way beyond your scope and jurisdiction. Are there self interests at being perpetuated here? If so, those items should be left out and you should stick to your responsibilities as outlined by the Utah Code.	
Troy Carlton Brigham Young University		
5138	I feel making a PIONEER district is a BIG mistake. It will raise taxes in Lehi, it will not guarantee Pioneer District employee their salary or benefits after one year. I am an employee with ASD and do NOT want to be in Pioneer District were nothing will be guaranteed for more than one year, from what I have been told.	N
5159	I am absolutely opposed to a split of the Alpine School District. There are too many unanswerable questions. Although I agree that smaller districts are ideal for children and teachers, splitting a district in this manner is NOT the answer. Everything that has been achieved and gained over the years in the Alpine School District will be at risk and will have to be reinvented. This is NOT in the best interest of children!! DO NOT DO THIS!!!	N
5171	A new school district would require the unnecessary duplication of additional administrative and support personnel. This in my opinion would have no real benefit to students of either district. My observation is that large school districts enjoy the benefit of more resources. One of the many down sides of this issue would be that slicing off Lehi to form it's own district would negatively impact the currently enrolled students. It would take years for the new district to "Pioneer" it's way through a wilderness that has already been discovered and settled. They named it "Alpine"	N
Lynn Sorensen		
5199	I'm wondering why you would have Investigations on your list when fiscal issues are your approved area of focus. Looks like a biased survey to me.	
5219	How can maintaining TWO administrations, TWO bus garages, TWO facilities departments - basically duplicating what Alpine School District be CHEAPER for me as a tax payer. Duplication of the efforts should not be done. Using the entire tax base to build schools in the Lehi area is fair - through my taxes I have paid for schools in Orem, Pleasant Grove, Alpine/Highland, American Fork and yes, Lehi. Lehi now has the growth, other areas should fund the building of the infrastructure to support the population. Splitting the district puts an added burden on me as a tax payer as there is a smaller base of people to fund the construction. Last time I checked, it is better to tax 100,000 for a dollar than 10,000 for ten dollars. I don't understand the economics of how this would benefit me without causing me to fund this frivolous venture. This may be a "smart" idea, but clearly those supporting it don't understand the economic impact.	N
5276	I am from Orem and we support much of the growth on the north end. I feel that financially it would be great for me, but devastating for them.	
5349	I do not see that the proposed boundaries can support a new district. There is no tax base to sustain this endeavor. The students will suffer greatly do to the loss of funding and I believe the migration of veteran teachers out of the proposed district.	N
5371	if you split the school district how will the new school district be funded? do any of you who make these decisions have a finance degree or background? maybe you should	
5437	I was born and raised in lehi we have payed taxes that have built schools for all of alpine school district and now they want to split the district i fell most of the growth for building new schools will be in the North part of the now alpine school district how could the people of the proposed new pioneer district pay for them lehi does,t have that many business for tax reveue there for the home owner would have to have a very hefty tax increase to pay for all the new schools that will be need. all of this area is new familys with small children why don't you do a head tax so those with more children have to pay for there little brud instead of all of us paying for there large familys i think alpine is trying to get out of the increase of new schools they will have to pay for in the future of north alpine district	
tex and laraine chatwin		

Lehi Home Owner			
Marilyn Allen	5454	I think this survey is invalid because the same people can go on it several different times. Also the writing of it is definitely slanted towards approval.	
Brad Crowther	5530	Now is not the time to split it will kill us \$\$\$ wise to build all the schools. To much growth too soon! Give it 4 to 5 years!	N
	5613	I think this new district is a bad idea. I do not support it, and I question the motivations of those who started this idea. I do not feel they speak for the majority, and have not given the public enough information to make a decent decision regarding it.	N
Tom Bandlely Teacher Northridge Elementary Teacher	5624	Having lived in Alpine School District my whole 56 years, attended school and now teach for the district. Orem area has been growing during that time and now it is time for the north end of the district to grow. Unwise to now delete Orem from supporting the north end of the district. Lehi area is not thinking well on this subject. I have a grandchild in Eagle Mountain, concerned about the tax base to support a new school district.	N
Joe & Ilene Belnap	5690	I feel that there is a prejudice against the Lehi/Eagle Mountain area. All you need to do is look at the programs offered at the other schools verses those offered at Lehi High School. The disparity is quite revealing. Also look at the size and appearance of the other schools and how much acreage they are on. Lehi Junior High has the largest population of any of the schools in the Alpine District. It is very obvious that we are in a fast growing area but the Alpine District will not plan ahead for growth and instead tries to play catch-up. This is at the expense of our children's educational experiences. We have too many children in our schools for the teachers to properly teach our kids. I realize that a new Junior High will open next year (though both schools will still be operating near or above capacity) but that will only help for a very short time because they both feed into the same High School which will again cause overcrowding in the school. I understand that the district isn't even going to talk about building a new High School for three more years. With the new growth in those years what will be the enrollment in our schools? We need to think of our children first and now. A smaller, more local school district will help us address these issues. Our tax dollars	
Christina Draper	6073	This survey only asked if you have, or have had, children in the affected district(s). What is more important are those of us who have preschoolers who will be affected by this decision for a much longer time.	
	6178	I am totally opposed to dividing the school district. If investigational math is partially at the heart of this proposal, then the Alpine School District needs to accommodate parent desires that both programs be offered, or within one course have a better balance between the traditional and new.	N
Bonnie Davis	6285	I live in the Lehi Area. I also am an employee of Alpine School District. I am concerned about negotiated items we have had with Alpine and my job in general. Lehi alone doesn't have enough tax base to support a new school district. We are continually growing and more schools will be needed. We can not afford it alone.	N
Rhonda Mortensen	6321	I do not support dividing the district. I think it would not be in the best interest of the students of Lehi. All information needs to be made available to the public so that an educated decision can be made and so that the residents of Lehi, Eagle Mountain, S. Springs, and Cedar Fort can understand what is at stake if this division were to take place.	N
Joy Goodwin	6333	My kids have been going to school in the alpine school distict for the last 12 years. I have paid taxes out of my property taxes every year for the last 22 years and my parents before that. What is going to happen to all that tax money if Lehi is moved to a new district? Why should we loose all of that money to American Fork, Pleasant Grove, Ect. and then we have to pay higher taxes for the new district too. This survey does not even bring these things up. WHY???	
	6379	what are they going to fund this district with? No industry or large businesses?	N
	6435	I would hate to see many of the young families that are in the proposed new pioneer district's boundaries burdened with higher taxes. I have a brother that lives in Georgia and when one of the suburbs there got the crazy idea of splitting the school district property tax went up 300%. And this part of Atlanta had much more business and commerce than Lehi does. Many of those that are buying homes in the proposed district will not be able to pay additional property tax and will lose there homes. This will lower property values. Why do we want to put greater burden on our residence and on the education system. Our teachers work hard and do a good job. I have students in the district and they are doing wonderful new things all of the time.	
Dave Dimond	6469	The promises of smaller class size and reduced costs are absurd. The very limited tax base in Lehi with high growth make for a very shaky financial future.	N
	6832	The Alpine School District is bloated and unresponsive to parent concerns. I hope a smaller district would be more interested in parent input, especially on curriculum issues. The way the ASD brushed off parents worried about Investigations math was disgraceful.	Y
	6901	I do not support the idea of a new district!!	N
Dawn Jacobs 34 year Lehi Resident Parent of 6 children	6925	I would hate to see what type of educator/teachers would work for the new school district, and who would want to start from the start with their benefit packages. Lehi would have new teachers that are not as experienced in teaching and dealing with the issues that arise with our students. also Lehi would not have as much education opportunities and shared programs with the schools that have the more experienced teachers.	
	6961	I believe adopting the standards based math program (Investigations) was a wise decision on Alpine's part. It is an outstanding process designed to teach our children how to think and problem solve.	
	7113	Being a resident of Orem, I am concerned about the diversion of funds from the Orem city schools. At least two (that I know of) of the schools have been shorted substantial funding (approximately 1 million dollars each) for renovation and improvement projects to be completed at each school. This funding paid for new schools elsewhere in the district that went over the allocated budget allotment during construction. The equity and fair use of tax (education) dollars is not occurring. It would appear that the rich get more and the poor get less.	
Fionnuala Kofoed	7181	Now is not the time to split the district. The new district would be incapable of supporting the needs of the children as the is little or no funding for and additional district. Also it would be unfair to place teachers without tenure in a new district and lower an already pathetic wage. DON'T DO IT!	N
	7188	I attended Lehi Schools from Kindergarten - Graduation, and my children will be attending Lehi schools. I do not feel that the district is perfect; however, I do feel that leaving it as it is will give us more oppurtunities to grow and improve. I also have concerns for the quality of teachers, administrators and transportation officials a new district will be able to attract. I just hope we do not create a district that does not have the funding to attract a quality staff and provide the oppurtunities that our children deserve.	N
Michael Parkes Principal-Cedar Valley Elem. Alpine School District	7230	I am a long time employee of Alpine School District. This split makes no sense at all. the financial problems it creates far out weighs any advantages of a smaller district with large schools.	N
	7350	PROGRAMS I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THAT WERE NOT LISTED ON THE SURVEY INCLUDE THE ARTS. I FEEL STRONGLY THAT THESE PROGRAMS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF EDUCATION THAT ENHANCES THE STUDENTS ABILITY TO DO WELL IN ALL	

KERRI HUNDLEY	AREAS.	
	7459 The Alpine District is too big but North Utah County needs a bigger commercial tax base before splitting the district.	N
	7575 I think you need to take A.F. and over to the bus so that this side can have a few of the old benefits. I think that there needs to be a different answer to the splitting, people that have worked for the district for 24 plus years, and they have the seniority to go to the schools that won't lose their benefits, will move other personnel so that the split schools will have all greenhorn staff. I think there should have been more thought in to this split, and the district should have been saving for it all along. In the long run who is going to pay? the employees and children.	
Jennifer Klingon-Smith resident	7666 I am generally in favor of smaller school districts. However, I don't see how it would be possible for the Pioneer district area to have enough commercial businesses to pay for our schools. And I feel the results of the split would be either a very poor school district (and more classroom crowding) or a huge tax burden on home-owners. Please be open and honest on the true pros and cons of this possible split and make the information readily available so that residents can make an informed decision. Thank you	N
Leslie Bishop	7694 I am close to retirement after having taught in Alpine District for over 15 years. I worry that staying in the Pioneer District will adversely affect my pay and retirement. I also have large concerns about the cost of starting a new district: buses, Dan Peterson type school, administration costs and being able to inservice teachers as well as Alpine District has done. I do not think making a smaller district is going to improve my class size, or change the small facility I am working in. I can see nothing gained by making this new district.	N
Sue Stratford	7871 I would hope that one of the main explorations of the committee is financial. I would like to see a report of how the district would be split and what monies/assets/staff would be compromised to do so. The School District is not the largest in the state and is working fine. If it's not broken don't fix it!	N
	7907 I don't really care if there is a new district or not, except for my concern for the children of Pioneer District. I don't see how the new district will help the classroom experience of the student when nothing has changed but the name of the district; same number of students, same number of buildings, same number of classrooms, just more expense for district patrons, fewer programs, and very likely, the loss of experienced teachers and administrators. I see it as hurting the students which is why I responded no to #1.	N
Mindi Richter	7934 I would like to be informed of any new information regarding the proposed new school district. I am very much opposed to the new district and would like to educate others of the disadvantages of such a split.	
	7958 I don't feel that the Pioneer School District would benefit the students, teachers, or community within its boundaries. There wouldn't be enough funds to cover the needs of the students and teachers, and because of that, the quality teachers will leave, and will be replaced by inexperienced teachers. There should be a good balance of young teachers with new ideas, and objective experienced teachers. A high concentration of either is not good. The lack of funds would also inhibit the building of new schools, which are desperately needed in a community that grows as rapidly as the Lehi/Eagle Mountain area. I think splitting the district would be a damaging mistake. Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns.	N
	8091 I think the split should not happen. There will not be enough funding for a new district.	N
Lee Hutchings	8103 I have a special needs child and I am very concerned about the possibility of him losing the services that he needs to succeed in school. He is considered a deaf/blind. Because of this, I am very strongly opposed to the formation of a new school district which might not have the funding and/or staffing to meet his particular needs.	N
	8177 I am extremely concerned that splitting the district will cause a greater deal of overhead in administration causing class sizes to increase and less of the money to filter down to be used to help students. Please don't do this!	N
	8189 The perception is that those supporting the division of the school district have motives that are less than pure. It is my opinion that the split would not be good and would result in higher taxes in a state where the taxes are already too high.	N
Nancy Taylor	8201 I do not support making a new school district. I am mostly happy with the way Alpine School District has conducted business not only with me, an employee for the past 15 years, but also with my children. I am satisfied with my taxes and the quality of education my children receive.	N
Kenley Brown	8269 I live in Lehi and do not support a split. I do not wish my taxes to go up. Lehi has seen tremendous growth and we have Orem, Pleasant Grove, and American Fork helping pay for our new schools. If the split happens Lehi will have to pay for it.	N
Kim Allred	8310 I think that it is ridiculous that people think smaller class sizes can be achieved by making the new district. For small class sizes, there is a need for more classrooms which then needs more schools etc. As well as more teachers, administrators and personnel to run those additional buildings. The growth in Lehi is much too fast to achieve this at the rate some would like it.	N
Heidi Rodeback	8334 One argument commonly made against a smaller district is that it will not be cost effective to offer as many honors, AP, or gifted programs as before. However, I grew up out of state in a smaller school district whose offerings in those areas were very basic -- less than in ASD -- but still very adequate, and I still went to college with AP credit. That district had a smaller music program, too, though it was not lacking in quality. The smaller program meant MORE performance opportunities for individual students, not LESS, and more one-on-one teacher time. I once made a public comment before the Alpine School District Board advocating the needs of the gifted child. I have never forgotten the very telling response they made to me: "We have 48,000 other children to worry about. We cannot consider the needs of one child." From that time, it has been my strong opinion that the Alpine School District is much too large.	N
	8359 David Cox is crazy.	
	8372 I would love not to have to support the growth of the Lehi area. They want it they can have it.	Y
Brada Mayer Physical Facilities Secretary Alpine School District	8383 Not only am I a resident of Lehi - but also an employee of ASD. What a tragic mistake it would be to split the district. Lehi would spiral downwards. It would be an approximate 22% decrease of base revenue/taxes for ASD to lose Lehi area - but the backlash to Lehi would be devastating. Lehi proposes to break away from ASD then wants to lease our facilities, our manpower, our special education facilities our transportation facilities etc. How do they propose to justify and obtain all these costs? Rep Cox insists that the break-away would enable Lehi to have smaller classes?? Where on earth does he get his information?? And does Lehi realize they will incur debts as well as assets. I am not a teacher - but were I one, I can guarantee you I would do my utmost to stay within the ASD security and not risk my longevity, career ladder incentives, insurance benefits, and package benefits that have been negotiated on through the years. That is doubly so with my position as a classified employee with ASD. I, too, believe Cox had a special personal agenda in mind when he started this campaign. I have great faith that the ad hoc committee will use all resources at their disposal to make the best decision for Lehi - and I strongly feel that is to keep	N
Russel Caldwell	8398 Without hearing in detail the reasons for splitting the district I'm opposed to it.	N
	8449 I am realistic enough to know that there are problems in the district, but I do not think that splitting the district is the right thing to do. If we were split, I feel that our services would be cut, educational quality and opportunity would suffer, and our taxes would go up.	N
Bill Parr	8485 I'm extremely concerned about the impact on property tax. Lehi has almost no commercial tax base. In addition, I'm worried that that many of the good teachers will leave to stay in the Alpine district. Though I think that the Alpine district is getting huge, I think that the recommended boundaries for this succession are not in the best interest of the taxpayers or students.	N

Harvey G, Liston	8618	In my opinion this would be the worst thing that could happen to the area. When you look at creating a new school district there are costs involved with this. There would have to be a new administration office built and a whole new administration hired for the district. In my opinion the cost would go up and not down. When the growth was taking place in Orem and the south end of the District was at the Lehi and Eagle Mountain area have paid the price to build the new schools. I think that that the creation of a new school district is the wrong thing to do. Thank You	N
Michele Stringham	8642	My comments are either too long to fit in this box, or something is wrong with your system. Please email me an address where I can send them. Thanks, Michele Stringham tnmco@redrock.net	
	8654	Not only would this new district raise taxes, but there are major questions about teacher job security. Would teachers maintain their tenure? Their jobs would be protected for a year, but what happens after that? Without a significant tax base in Lehi and Eagle Mountain, who's going to pay for it all? What happens to the teacher's retirement? How would the new district pay for existing years of service?	
Pamela Liston President Sego Lily PTA	8666	Please do not put this on the Ballot. The residents in Orem and Other Cities that wouldn't be affected by this would vote and Lehi will be left with the new district. I also think that it is wrong to have the Legislator that passed the bill in the first place sit on the ad-hoc committee and yet no other teacher is.	N
Mark Hodge	8680	My sons attend Freedom Elementary school and we live in Lehi. If the school district is split, where will the Lehi students attending Freedom attend school, since Freedom is located in Highland?	
Moana Burgess PTSA President Timberline Middle School PTSA	8738	I see the Alpine School District as being a very efficiently run district right now. Splitting would likely lessen my children's choices for electives, because staff would be cut and classes eliminated. This really concerns me as a parent. I don't see classes getting smaller with less staff--I actually see them increasing. I also am concerned about teachers and how they would be split amongst two districts. Would some lose their jobs because there wouldn't be enough funding for all the teachers currently employed by the one district? That doesn't seem fair to me. And do people in the proposed Pioneer District really know that their taxes could increase because of this split? I think many do not. There is so much that needs to be considered. Please publicize the upcoming 45-day public comment period through the local PTAs. So many of us are concerned about this matter. Thank You.	N
	8774	We are at a time when money is tight and the education of our children is critical. We don't need to increase our overhead expenses by splitting the school district and essentially doubling the administrative costs. The result is taking money away from the education of our children. There are no factual findings that a school district of our size does not deliver a quality program for the students it oversees. Additionally there are no factual findings that the splitting of our School district, which includes the added costs of doubling the administration costs, will improve the education of our children by any reasonable amount if there is any at all.	N
	8793	I think that the school district should be split, however, other options should be explored as to the way it would be split. With this option it will make Pioneer school district extremely poor.	Y
Judy Kirkham	8849	This is one of the worst ideas Rep. Cox has come up with! Lehi does not have the tax base to support a school district. Lehi has supported Orem to build and improve their schools, now it is time for Orem to support us. I do not know of one person who is in favor of this move. I have even had a high school student say that they can see that Lehi cannot support a school district on our own. PLEASE wake up and smell the roses!!!! Why are you wasting our tax dollars and our time on such a self-promoting idea???	N
Kirk Magleby	8861	Lehi has been the neglected step child of Alpine School District for decades. As their population increases, they are finally coming into their own and receiving a more equitable share of district resources. Splitting them off into their own small district would guarantee mediocrity in Lehi for the foreseeable future. Staying in Alpine District, Lehi will increasingly benefit as they become larger relative to the other schools.	N
	8898	You forgot another one-- the opportunity for a new district to be open to considering a year-round alternative to help with overcrowding in our schools and classrooms. Why Alpine won't adopt Jordan School District's way of doing year-round schooling is beyond me.	
Angela Smith	8940	I do not agree with the split of the district. I believe it would hurt the educational programs, students and employees. I also do not agree with the proposed raise in property taxes to support such a change. I believe the district is a strong district at this point but splitting it would make both districts extremely weak and vulnerable and would hurt our children. As someone who is looking to a family in the future I want the best for my children and that does not include making a smaller district with less opportunity.	N
Janine Ottley	8979	I would like to know the pros/cons that the district has come up with for splitting and/or staying together. Since this is my oldest child attending, I feel that this will further impact me as my other children attend school.	
Sharell Miller	9016	My concern with the formation of a new district is that the Lehi/Cedar Fort/Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs area can not support a school district without a significant tax increase. I like so many others am on a budget. I have been in the Lehi area for 14 years and have seen an increase in my property taxes every year with the exception of one. I just feel that it is time for those living in Orem and points north to help contribute to the growth that is occurring in our area. We have contributed to their growth for years. I feel that this subject may be approached again in the future but splitting at this time would not be in the best interest of those of us living in Lehi.	N
Janna Rogers	9028	The reasons given for dividing Alpine School District seem weak because they stem from problems that could be resolved by working with Alpine District administrators. The arguments used by the "separatists" such as more local control and smaller class size are something that every district would like, but they are possible only with a hefty price: a large tax burden on the citizens. The smaller benefits packages offered the teachers would certainly drive out the seasoned teachers who have seniority, and Pioneer District would be left with new, struggling teachers and few good mentors. The quality of education would decline notably. The district citizens would be taxed excessively to supply new buildings and support a needed administration, and property values would drop because it would be nearly impossible to sell a home in such a heavily-taxed area. My Lehi home will go up for sale immediately if the voters swallow this district-division idea. It seems that this movement is being pushed by a few people who have had their collective "nose pushed out of joint" or have been reprimanded by the current district administration. For the good of the entire community they should swallow their pride and work together with Alpine District leaders.	N
	9064	We have decided we will move from Lehi if it does indeed split from ASD. We do not agree with many of ASD directives and feel ASD needs to respect the concerns of its patrons. However, splitting the district will produce more disadvantages than advantages and student education will suffer.	N
Jodi Reading Recovery teacher	9076	I'm concerned about this split because you will have the experienced teachers leave Lehi. You will be left with unexperienced teachers teaching our children. I have talked with enough teachers to know this to be true. Splitting the district is not a wise move for Lehi.	N
	9095	I am strongly opposed to splitting the district. I believe the costs outweigh the benefits. There is a tremendous burden of overhead in the form of Federal and State programs that have to be run at the district level - no matter how small. It makes no sense to me to reduce the tax base that school building bonds will be drawn from just as the Lehi area begins to boom. Let's consider splitting in 15-20 years - after the population has stabilized. I am available for further input.	N

Tim Morris			
Cindi Savage mother of the year! teacher at U.V.S.C.	9119	I al think the split is long overdue but it doesn't go far enough. There needs to be a third district created. Alpine school district is far too large and too many important decisions are made with very little input by parents! who actually pay the taxes and raise the children. There have been many cases where schools, extended day schedules, curriculum, and even bus routes have been ridiculous. I served on the Alpine school district curriculum steering committee. I was so disappointed in how long it took to get anything done. Parents would be willing to pay more if they had more control over how their children are educated.	Y
Mary Ann Smith	9143	I do not support the proposed new district because I feel it is too small to be an effective, efficient school district. But I strongly agree that the current Alpine School District is too large to effectively meet the needs of all the students and to respond to the desires of its' patrons. I would propose different boundaries for a new school district, namely the boundaries of Lehi, American Fork, and Lone Peak High Schools. This would create a new district and reduce the Alpine District to more closely approximate the size of the other school districts in Utah Valley. Furthermore, because the statute for creating a new school district would prevent readressing the issue within the next 4 years if the current proposal fails it is especially important that other more viable divisions of the current Alpine School District be considered.	N
Kathleen Koltermann	9168	I have lived in the Alpine School District for 28 years. All of my children and now my grandchildren are attending. I have paid taxes to help build the schools in Orem and other cities in the school district. Now that the growth is in the Lehi area I feel that the other cities in the district should help fund the schools in the Lehi area. I feel my children have had a good education and I want to keep the Alpine school district as it is.	N
Julianne Geddes teacher Alpine School District	9338	All the new growth is in the proposed new district. The cost would be prohibitive w/o the shared cost throughout the existing district. It would seem logical that the tenured teachers would have first choice on staying with the existing district, which would be the more stable choice. Therefore the new district would have an inordinate amount of new teachers. New teachers are great, but they need to be mixed with wisdom and experience. Taxes would have to go up to build new schools and provide an entire set of district office personel. I think it is an ill-fated plan. I'm afraid that the Orem, Pleasant Grove, and American Fork voters will jump at the opportunity to rid themselves of the part of the district that is experiencing the greatest growth.	N
Steven Eastmond LCSW	9350	I emphatically disagree with the creation of a new, smaller school district in the Lehi High School boundary area for at least the following reasons: 1) This area does not have a sufficiently large business district to help support the property tax increase that would be necessary in order to fund this new district. The result would be a significant property tax increase upon the residents - which I do not support. 2) The creation of a new school district in this area would require the construction of multiple new facilities, including facilities for the school district offices. This, too, would require tax revenues, which would once again come out of the tax dollars paid by the residents of the community. 3) Without a significant tax increase, the salaries for teachers would be less than adequate. This would clearly drive many or all of our experienced teachers from our schools, leaving our children with the least experienced teachers in the county. 4) An increase in taxes of residential property in this community also means a proportionate decrease in the amount of people who would be willing to move here. Our residents would have a much harder time selling their homes when a home of the same value could be purchased in other areas with lower tax	N
Chris Woodbury Extension Educator Utah State University Extension	9434	I am concerned about the separation because Orem has been receiving bond money for new schools/school improvements in the past, and now Lehi/Eagle Mountain is receiving them. If we split off, then Eagle Mountain (where I live) will no longer receive the money for new schools.	N
Jason Richins	9482	This really worries me that the more experienced teachers will leave the new school district, because of their worries about salaries and benefits. We also do not have the tax base to support a school district. We have paid for the growth in the other cities in the county for years and now it is our turn to grow fast. It would be a lot better to have a lot of people pay for our schools than to have only Lehi residents pay for our schools. We would need our own administrators of the school district and that is money taken away from our kid's education.	N
Ellie Bodily	9518	I don't feel it is in the best interest of the students to split the district. My hope is that people will be informed enough to make a responsible decision before they vote on this issue.	N
Amy Dahl	9530	I am concerned that splitting the district will leave the new school district with too little funds to provide adequate salaries and benefits for teachers and administrators needed to support the new school district.	N
	9566	I teach in the Alpine School District. I am greatly concerned over this proposal. I t will hurt the education of the students and destroy many of the things the district has worked hard to achieve. We do not have enough popluation for this split. I also live in the district. This split would be the making of a disaster for the students and teachers of the Alpine School District.	N
	9592	I think the Alpine School District is too big to meet the needs of the students in the district. Too much money is spent on overhead and working to achieve power over our students instead of educating our students. Unfortunately, even with a split, I would still be stuck in the Alpine School District. A truly open district (in other words open enrollment at ALL schools) would help them all want to be better to avoid losign their students.	
Laura Chipman Special ed teacher & parent	9652	Alpine School District should not be split because it is already doing a great job as test scores indicate. It would adversely affect the area of the new district with very high property taxes and a decline in the quality of education. There is a negligible commercial tax base to help support education in that area so it would be among the poorest districts in the state. To split is educational suicide.	N
Jennifer Larsen Parent	9693	I don't think that we need more administrators draining the funds needed to support our childrens education. I do think that we should be efficient with the school district that is in place now.	N
Karl Kamper	9733	When we chose our home in Lehi, the fact that it was in the Alpine school district factored largely into the decision. Although we currently don't have children in the school age, we look forward to them attending Alpine schools. We strongly oppose the new school district.	N
Robert Rothenberg	9745	My greatest concern is the ability of the proposed new district to pay for the large number of new facilities it does and will need in the near future, due to the rapid growth in the area. With little or no commercial development in the area, I'm afraid that we'll end up with even lower per-pupil funding than we already have, and large tax increases to maintain minimal standards. This area needs the assistance of other, more mature, areas in the Alpine school district to be able to make it financially.	N
Cynthia Van Sickle paraeducator	9769	Splitting the district is ludicrous. Why try to fix something that is not broken.	N
Sheryl Cottle paraeducator	9781	I am paying enough taxes already, a new district would raise them even more. Alpine district is doing a good job at educating my children. We do not need a new district.	N

Christopher Butler Concerned Parent	9805	We have two small children ages 4 and 2 that will be affected by this decision. Our community is made up of mostly young families that moved out here to Eagle Mountain because this is what we can afford. Now if this happens, we are concerned about having no tax base to support a school district. If taxes went up like they would have to in order to have a new school district, many of us would have to sell our homes because we would not have the funds necessary to pay taxes and a mortgage. It would also dampen anyone from moving into the school district boundaries.	N
Tim Osborn	9817	I understand why the scope is limited to Lehi, but I feel that it would make more sense to study the feasibility of a district split along the PG/Lindon line which could put Orem on a par with Provo and leave the North area to deal with the growth issues as a group. The Law for the split is not well written so as to allow for this type of research.	N
Jason Daniels	9875	I currently have two young children (3 and 1) and planning on having more. With the huge amount of growth this area is having and what appears to be ASD's inability to handle this growth - a smaller district would be able to work better with the specific needs of this area.	Y
	9923	Of chief concern and importance to me is the issue of curriculum. Curriculum, a huge problem in the Alpine School District, is paramount to a good education and should have been offered as a selection option on the list of "Top 5" concerns.	
James Raehl	10019	We need fewer districts, not more. Too much management now. We need to allocate money better (away from management, toward better materials).	N
	10083	I think it would be a huge mistake financially to divide the district. Alpine School District is doing an outstanding job. The growth that is occurring in Lehi is being met with new building. A new school district would have difficulty meeting those needs. A new school district would not be able to attract the best teachers because it will not be able to meet the salary and retirement needs like Alpine School District can.	N
	10256	I am concerned with the financial burden dividing the district will place on families in the new district. Without a strong business tax base, how can residents hope to carry the tax burden to provide adequate resources for the children and faculty and provide a strong education.	
Pamela Tobler Mom	10268	Since the goal of education ought to be to provide the best education for children, I don't see how North Utah County residents can say that our goals are different for our children. Additionally, they have received millions in new facilities. If they created a new district, they should reimburse/purchase those facilities from Alpine School District.	
Lynette Lish	10304	I do not feel that there is a large enough tax base in Lehi to support a school district. That would put an unfair burden on the citizens of Lehi and the cities to the west. As a teacher in Lehi, I have concerns about my salary and benefits. Any time you change districts, you lose income and years of teaching. If that were to be the case, the new Pioneer District would lose teachers en masse. I don't feel that the district will be able to keep the class sizes as small as they are at the present time.	N
	10316	I live in the Lehi area and would like to know how come this information has never been sent to us or brought to any one's attention in the area. We are the ones involved and yet we know nothing! This is how everything is handled and it's not appreciated. We feel we don't have a chance.	
Teresa Taylor Patron/Parent of Alpine District	10328	I have seen a preliminary estimate on how the proposed creation of this new district would affect the prop. tax assessment on homes in each area. I understand this was sent on to the ad-hoc committee. Have you reviewed this info. and when or will it be available to the public. Also, estimates on how this will affect teachers/employees of Alpine School District i.e. salaries, benefits, and retirement. I feel with the above information and other issues, we as patrons of Alpine School District can make more informed decisions. I feel this proposition will not only affect the proposed "Pioneer" School District, but also the remaining District. For example, the current bond and how assets/liabilities will be divided. This will be a factor for everyone to consider and have access to that information.	
	10341	Some thought should be given to using boundary separation other than the Lehi high school boundaries. Have other boundary concepts been proposed and if so could they be posted on the web site?	
Andrea L. Forsyth Board of Education Member Alpine School District	10353	It seems premature to ask for public input when the committee hasn't released any firm data on what the split would mean in each of the last questions categories. You seem to want only an emotional response to a very controversial issue that needs hard data in order to make an informed decision.	
Shane Earling Mr.	10471	The county commissioners need to kill this initiative. I've seen this type of thing happen before, and the people who voted for it, later regretted it. This is just a few squeaky wheels who are trying to get what they want at everyone else's expense and they are misleading folks and massaging statistical data to suit their purposes.	N
Susan Walton 2nd grade teacher Lehi Elementary	10522	I am a teacher teaching in Lehi. I have been at my school for 27 years and am very upset about the proposal. This would directly hurt my pay and retirement and I'm surprised that the teachers weren't interviewed before this proposal got this far. Most teachers with more than three years experience are unhappy with the proposal, but I'm not aware of anyone being asked how we feel about this change.	N
	10575	The last 5 questions, I put the same response. What I really wanted to put was a "no response" but that wasn't an option.	
	10685	Why do we want to split districts and create higher taxes for young families in the new homes of Lehi, Saratoga Springs and Eagle Mountain? I grew up in Pleasant Grove and want my children to attend Alpine School District so after finishing college I moved to Lehi where I was able to afford a house. Now, if the district splits I will face higher property tax. This will make it so I can't afford my home and we will have to move so that my children can attend Alpine School District Schools.	N
	10771	I ABSOLUTELY DO NOT support the creation of another district. I think it's ridiculous and absurd. I honestly hope it doesn't happen.	N
	10783	In my 30 years as a resident of Lehi and a patron of Alpine School District I have experienced the 800-pound gorilla syndrome demonstrated by ASD on several occasions. The district seems to do whatever it wants regardless of what is right or practical. It would be great to have a smaller district with more local control, but unfortunately Lehi doesn't have a very strong business tax base, and I don't want my property taxes raised. I think splitting the district would have a detrimental effect on the quality of education in this community.	N
LaVee Strong	10795	This is not a good idea to split. Please consider the taxes, quality of education, teacher tenure, health insurance, retirement for employees, buildings, busing. We have worked very hard to have the District reputation so well respected. Now Lehi's proposal is a laughing subject among the district employees. Please reconsider and pull out of this before it is too late. Retired employee with 24 good years with Alpine School District, Lehi Citizen,	N
Jim Miller	10814	The proposed new 'Pioneer School District' has the lowest business tax base of any area in the existing Alpine School District. It would be to the advantage of the rest of the Alpine District to have the new district withdrawn from the available funding which now exists, leaving more money for the new Alpine District. New needed schools will not be built any faster (probably slower), because the new district will need a district office, a maintenance building, and other necessary and needed equipment and personnel. The new district will not give parents any more control of the educational process or the chance at input into the process, than now exists with the current district. Parents just need to get involved and attend school board meetings, call or write letters at the district level and the local school level.	N

Math Teacher Alta High School		get involved and attend school board meetings, call or write letters at the district level and the local school level.	
David Jolley MPA	10850	I believe that separation from Alpine School District is not in the best interests of the students of the Lehi Area schools. Alpine School District, in spite of its flaws, has provided my children with a reasonable education. I myself am a graduate of Alpine School District Schools (American Fork High School). I hold a Master of Public Administration from the University of Utah, Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Bachelor of Science in Political Science, University of Utah. The reason that I put down these academic credentials are to illustrate what ASD alumni go out and accomplish. I feel that succession from the ASD will not serve my children's best interests. I also believe that it will drive my property taxes up to create the new district. The district is meeting its goals just fine without creation of the proposed Pioneer District. I feel the proponents of this plan have the burden of proof in showing the citizens of current ASD and the new proposed district the benefits of division. I believe that they have yet to produce the necessary information to convince voters to approve such a measure as the creation of a new school district in the Lehi High School Area.	N
Kevin Call	10862	The list of most desired outcomes left off one that I felt was most important. This is the development of a well rounded individual, developing the whole person, ethics, values, analytical ability, maturity.	
John Herzog	10910	I am not an expert on education and how a district works but I can do simple math. If somebody would like to explain how the same income base can support two 'heads' as in all the expenses of a NEW district office and the OLD district office it would be appreciated. We have already cut back on positions just to save money. What makes you think you can support an entirely NEW district office with the same income/tax base?	N
	10933	I do feel Lehi has been treated unfairly in the past. This alone is reason enough to consider a change. However, let's be careful we make an informed and not emotional decision that will benefit our community, students/teachers/parents!	
concerned grandfather	11008	The rest of the nation is looking to consolidate management NOT increase overhead. Why are we wasting time, effort and energy on this absurd proposal?	N
Barbara Graf	11032	Having taught Elementary school in Utah, but also having the opportunity to live outside the state, I have seen the waste of educational money in having too many school districts. One investigative look into the state of California, and you will see how much money is wasted because almost every city has their own school district. Precious tax money needs to stay with schools, not provide for more districts. I applaud Utah for being very efficient in their use of tax money and amount of school districts. Keep it up. I am not in favor of another school district.	N
Susan Hansen	11193	Would like to see further splits. District is too big. We have always lived where each town has control over its own district and we feel because of it our children received a better education.	Y
Michael A Patterson	11205	Bravo! I had spoken with John Valentine about this issue some years ago while he was our state representative. I didn't know and he informed me that this was a school board responsibility. I applaud this proposal because I have felt that the Alpine School District was getting too big. It has been managed well but I have felt that it was on the verge of being unmanageable due to its size. I do hope that the School Board approves this split and that it is done efficiently. Maybe even consider including Lone Peak High School and some of the other schools in the Highland area in this proposed new district for equity in size and funding sources.	Y
Darran Zenger	11538	I am interested in how you analyze the data. From what I have gathered thus far, I do not see how you can derive to a "90%+ tax hike" by 2010. There is no such question in the survey to support this. I have analyzed data in many research grants in the past and have to raise my eyes on the validity of such claims. Is there a way I can obtain the data and how you are analyzing this?	
Lucy Hamblin	11698	My children live in the boundaries of ASD, but attend public school elsewhere because of the poor education in the district. It is too big, and exerts too much control, without seeing the needs of its students.	
Julio Oscar Omar Melendez member Citizen for Common Sense	11710	Why split the Lehi area off the Alpine District? I cannot see how we benefit as citizens, children, teacher, and parents? Who wants to increase property taxes? The answer a complete MORON!	N
Chad Colledge	11785	Education administrators have big salaries. I would be more supportive of combining Provo and Alpine school districts and eliminating some of these positions. Then creating another school district and more high paid positions. The boundaries for this district have a small commercial tax base. So the individual homeowner would have to foot the bill. I would estimate my property taxes will double. If this happens my house payment will increase possibly to the point that I will be forced to sell my home and move to a more affordable area. The property value of my house will be impacted and finding qualified buyers will be more difficult.	
	11860	A tax increase is a very poor idea. This should not be something that is even considered. We pay the county enough taxes as it is!	N
Sherrie Holbrook Mrs. none	11947	I have been a teacher in Alpine School District at a Lehi School. I am currently a new administrator for Alpine. We have been residents in Lehi for over 28 years. (My husband - lifetime). We believe this will be a poor decision to split the district. Lehi does not have the infrastructure to support a district on its own. Lehi residents are being torn apart over this. I have taught with Dave Cox. Dave Cox may think this is the best for everyone involved. It is not. I know what Dave's agenda is. I know what Eagle Mountain's agenda is. We strongly oppose this split. In fact to the point that if it makes it on the ballot, we will sell our home, leave family, and move out of Lehi. I just recently finished a graduate course in educational finance with JD Willardson at BYU. In our course work, we learned that most states are re consolidating school districts because of the inability to financially support smaller school districts. JD would be an excellent resource to discuss the financial impact of splitting the district. I recommend someone discuss this issue with him. This is frightening to me to think others believe Lehi can support its own school district. We are experiencing major growth in Utah County and most of the people moving in are young families who can barely make ends meet.	N
Marcie A.	11974	I feel we do not have the tax base to support a new school district. The Pioneer School District would have only a small number of businesses to support the new district, so the tax burden would shift from local businesses to our tax-payers. This just isn't feasible at this time. Our taxes would increase a great deal, while people in new, smaller Alpine School District would enjoy a tax decrease. Things should be left the way they are for now. In the future, when our area has a greater number of businesses, I would probably be okay with splitting.	N
Concerned Parent	11998	A split of the district could be a possibility but I DON'T want my taxes to increase to as much as 90%!! We can't afford things as they are! Our so-called "free public schools" are breaking our budgets just to get our kids enrolled! Let alone increase the taxes! I would prefer to leave the district as it is rather than divide the district.	N
Bridgit Doyle	12022	I am from Lehi and think that a new school district is not the answer to solving our cities problems. In fact I believe it will do more damage than good. I am in favor of tax increase to get the things we so desperately need. These children are our future and I want the best for them. If that means I have to pay higher taxes so be it. It is a small price to pay on behalf of our children.	N
	12044	I teach in the proposed "new" district and I was never contacted about the change. All of a sudden I hear that this might happen and my salary, retirement and insurance could be in jeopardy. I have taught 27 years and don't want this to happen. We have been told that seniority	

Susan Walton 2nd Grade Teacher Lehi Elementary		quality, retirement and insurance could be in jeopardy. I have taught 27 years and don't want this to happen. We have been told that nothing means nothing. Why not? Why should I have to start out at the bottom of the pile after all the time, money and energy I have taken to further my education and better my teaching?	N
	12190	If there is such a need for change in the schooling, people should get involved in the current school district (Alpine), not cut their own throats by trying to separate from a school district that is already functioning very well.	N
Lisa Bowen	12254	I am happy to pay more taxes to go toward a quality education for my children. However, I feel that Lehi (and the strain upon the residents) are not ready for the kind of leadership and economic stability that is required for this change. (I have 2 other children entering the district within 5 years.)	N
LEE & JAN IYON	12266	WE DO NOT SEE A TAX BASE THAT WILL SUPPORT A NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT. WITHOUT ADEQUATE FUNDING PROGRAMS WOULD BE CUT AND TAXES WOULD HAVE TO BE RAISED. THIS IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE PLAN.	N
	12409	I have six children, three are school age. I am happy with their education experience so far except for the HUGE class sizes and lack of challenge for them in the curriculum. I think we have good teachers in general and good administrators. I would like to see the current school district stay the same because I am afraid that my Lehi community can not afford the change and the over-all quality of education will decrease dramatically. I think it may be a good idea in principle to have a smaller school district. But the reality is that we CAN NOT afford it as a community. We can not afford it financially and we can not afford to jeopardize the quality of education for our children. Please don't create the proposed Pioneer School District! Thank you!	N
Leland Heywood	12434	The concept seems o.k. but because the tax base in the new district is so low I am not in favor of splitting. It seems like the district is trying to give Lehi, Saratoga Springs & Eagle Mountain the shaft.	N
	12447	If this passes and taxes are raised 90%, or 50% or even 20%, there will be a large number of residents that are on a very tight budget that will be forced to sell their homes and move. Who is going to buy a home that has outrageous property taxes? Then our homes will end up going into foreclosure, the city will lose a huge amount of money and residents. What is the point? Right now we are content with the Alpine district. Things should remain the same so those of us that currently own our homes can continue to do so. If it passes and everyone moves, there won't be any kids to be included in the new district. At this point, there is not one reason to convince me this would be a good plan. Maybe in the future when we have the business to support a new district we could look into it again. Not now.	N
	12524	As a Lehi resident, I think it would be a terrible mistake to split the Alpine School District.	N
	12555	I feel strongly that the Lehi district cannot support it's own school district because of insufficient business taxes. If our property taxes were to increase 90%, most families in the district would not be able to pay the increase - we need business support. I don't know how feasible it would be to combine the American Fork and Lehi areas into their own district but it seems to be a viable solution.	N
	12591	I find it frustrating that there are still people who think that splitting the District is a viable option. Especially when the main concern of these individuals pushing for the split is the Math program. There are other ways to voice their opinions rather than making an effort to have a small district that Lehi cannot support. Especially when we have no major businesses to get tax revenue from.	N
	12615	I am really concerned about the increased costs to fund a new school district. I don't see how costs will go down. The area does not have the business district to support it. I don't see how we could get any more funding for new schools with just our local tax base. Therefore, I don't see any smaller classes. Our tenured teachers would be affected etc. etc. there seems to be a lot of concerns and problems that far out way any benefits of splitting the school district. I feel that Dr. Henshaw and the Alpine School district administration is doing a great job!	N
	12637	What concerns me most about splitting the district is that Lehi taxes will skyrocket, while the quality of education offered will not. In fact, it will decrease significantly with the loss of AP classes, music, art, and other very important programs. There are 3 homes for sale on my block right now because of education and tax fears resulting from this split. These people are selling their homes before their children lose educational opportunities within the district as well as at university levels. And, before this, coupled with a huge tax increase, makes Lehi the worst place to live in the whole valley. This, of course, will result in a huge devaluation of homes. I am not against an increase in taxes (though 90% is outrageous) if it truly meant an increase in the quality of education. This split would be devastating to the children of this area as well as the taxpayer. I see no value in this split other than for the personal advancement of Mr. Cox and some others who sit on the committee.	N
T Collins	12687	It's obvious Representative Cox has no understanding of the benefits of a larger district in all types of programs available and the tax base available in the proposed district. I have a friend who has lived in Lehi for over 40 years and has seen the shortsightedness of the Lehi council not to allow more businesses to move into the area and to allow them to go outside the boundaries. It appears Cox is just as shortsighted and uninformed as the members of Salt Lake County's guzzler gate.	N
	12699	I am NOT in support of dividing the ALpine School District. This is not the time to do it. There is not a sufficient (business) tax base to fund it. There are and will be for several years too many children for too few facilities. Why would any teachers want to work for an even poorer district? This really must be a joke. I say NO WAY!	N
Ken Bown	12723	My concern with the creation of a separate district is that it will require increasing taxes in order to provide a less diverse/lower quality education. I am very concerned that our children are provided with more than a basic education, including gifted and arts programs. I would support a tax increase if it resulted in higher quality education and more opportunities. The demographics of the proposed area includes a large number of children, lower property values, and a minimal commercial tax base. That would mean that there's not going to be enough money to properly fund education even for a smaller district.	N
Ann Davies	12724	The survey was extremely hard to answer in the way I wanted to. I felt the choice of answers did not truly reflect my feelings. I see no advantages to the split. Our taxes will go up and we will get less opportunities for our children. The opportunities are growing for students in the Lehi area and I think we should leave well enough alone for our children. Why pull out and pay more for less? I would gladly have my taxes doubled if it meant more opportunities for my kids. I don't see how this will do it. We would definitely move from Lehi if we split off. We need a larger business tax base for this to be successful. If businesses see that Lehi's property taxes are dramatically increasing, we will probably lose a lot of potential business growth. Three years ago we moved to Lehi from Minnesota. We lived in a suburb of 50,000 and our school district was our suburb. It consisted of one high school and the schools that funnelled into it. It was wonderful. The median price for single family homes was \$300,000. Our taxes were also triple what they are here. There were a number of large businesses who's headquarters were in our suburb. The small school district worked there. It will NOT work here because the situation in the Lehi area is not even close to that.	N
	12737	If these cities annex from Alpine School District, our children will lose not just in quality of education, but in ALL of the opportunities an education provides, including athletics, art programs, language, etc. In addition, I cannot support an increase of 90 percent in property taxes for this decreased education experience for my children (currently 2 and 4 years old, but will eventually be enrolled in school in this area). This increased property tax will decrease our property values and decrease interest of businesses who might otherwise want to invest in Lehi. Please leave the Alpine School District as it is!	N

Jennifer Larson	12740	I feel that splitting ASD is a good idea, but not the way it is proposed. I would like to see a AF, Lehi, Highland, Alpine, Saratoga Springs, Eagle Mt. and Cedar Fort district. Let Orem and PG be their own, they are certainly big enough. IF Provo can be its own district why can't Orem? My concern is the lack of business in this area to help support the tax increase that will fall upon those of us who live out here, and Lehi doesn't seem real big on growing anytime soon. I am for smaller classes and a better education for my children, but I don't feel that we in Lehi, S.S., and E.M. are prepared building wise and student wise to support such a change. If we included the AF area I feel that it would be a much better split for all involved.	N
Shannon Cannon	12761	Our children need good teachers and good books to educate themselves. That is all. They do not need multi-million dollar buildings, top-heavy administration, or many of the other accessories that seem to be a part of the Alpine School District's way of spending our tax money. If we pay good quality teachers the money necessary to do their job the way they see fit, and cut out all of the excess (trendy education programs, mall-like buildings, administrators for everything from gym equipment to real estate, etc.)and begin this new school district with an eye toward frugality and prudence, we will not have to raise taxes, while still providing a quality education to our children. The answer is not splitting the district and creating a smaller money-hog replica of what we have now. The answer is to split the district and then begin to budget as if the funds were our own personal finances. And in reality, aren't they? I can see many obvious, (and yes, possibly uncomfortable)yet practical ways to cut spending rather than increasing taxes, but only if everyone agrees that education is not about all the fluff which we have become so accustomed to. Quality education is about great teachers with great books inspiring students to become educated. It doesn't take b	
Raegan Bown	12783	I won't support a split.	N
Debbie Wilson	12808	I would like to receive the details for this proposed division. What will it cost, what will the benefits be, what are the ramifications... etc	
Concerned Citizen Tax Payer Resident	12815	This is the only thing that I have stumbled across concerning this issue. If things are taking place, the word should be circulated for all to have their opinions known. I think it is a lousy idea. It would be nice to hear why someone thinks otherwise. Can you tell me? or can it be published?	N
Glen Meigs	12880	I feel I am not informed well enough on all the issues to make a valid decision on whether I want the school district split or not. What is the actual financial impact? Will the quality of education and educators improve? I would support a modest tax increase if the quality and efficiency of the new district would be an improvement. I am generally in favor of smaller government including school district administration.	
	12892	I think that the tax increase would be a hardship for most families in the new district and a don't we will get any benefits from it.	N
	12928	We moved out to Eagle Mountain due to the low income housing. However the foreclosure rate is so high I feel as if the taxes go much higher the rate will get even higher. We do not have the businesses here to support the district all on our own. The other areas are more developed and are able to support the split. We are not in favor of the split at all.	N
Shellie Baertsch	12940	Your survey didn't ask how many children I have coming into the Alpine School District. The School Board etc. seem to ignore those of use with incoming kindergarten children. We pay taxes too. Don't you want to know what we think? I have lived in Alpine School District for the last 10 years. First in Orem, now in Saratoga Springs (for the last 3 years). I think splitting the district is a terrible idea. There is not the necessary tax base in the proposed district needed to support a district. I helped build and support schools through my tax dollars when I had no school aged children. Let those whose children have now aged out of the public school system help pay for my children's schools. Thanks	N
	12987	No one seems to have know that this issue was being discussed. The creation of a new school district would be to the detriment of our children. As a mother of children that will be starting school in a few years, I CAN NOT support this.	N
Trent Howell	13011	Splitting of the district is not a good option at this time because of the growing nature of the area in question. It is the fastest growing portion of the county currently and as such does not have the commercial tax base to support such a move. I don't see any issues with current governance of the Alpine school district in meeting the needs of this area and therefore see no justification or need for a split for education control. Rather I just see increased costs for the growing communities and personal gain for the individual proponents pushing the split.	N
	13023	I think it's a shame that a few very loud, yet the minority of people in Lehi have been allowed to get a proposal this far, effecting the education, finances, and control of our children's education. This is a very sad and frustrating proposal.	N
Todd Moir	13035	Although I recognize the benefits of a smaller school district, now is not the time to make it happen. I fear the new district would be cash poor, and the financial burden on the residents would be too much to bear. All in all, I feel that if the new district were created, the children and their families would suffer more than they would gain.	N
	13059	If Snow Springs and Eagle Mt want a district let them have their own. Leave Lehi out of it, there are a lot of older citizens that can't afford to have taxes raised.	N
	13071	I strongly disagree with the proposal to separate from the district! I moved to Utah from Idaho where there are numerous small to large school districts for each area. The larger districts have more curriculum options, teachers, money for activities and many more benefits. I attended a smaller district which has recently been forced to drastically cut costs in all their departments including sports and music programs to stay afloat. They are currently considering joining together with other smaller districts to create one large district because of the benefits of doing so. One of which would be the administrative costs. I don't believe that the new proposed district area has the tax base to provide for all the new schools that will need to be built for the growth. I see numerous reasons NOT to support a new school district. Thank you.	N
Jeanie Earl Teacher	13083	PLEASE don't force this on a community not able to support a district with finances. As my husband and I can't afford much of a tax increase thanks to us both being teachers with Alpine, we are always willing to pay more for our children's education, but can't afford what it would take to support only Wingers and Kohler's. This would be great years down the road, but let everyone else help pay for our schools just as we've helped them the past 10 years!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	N
Ben Nelson	13139	Please do not split the Alpine School District. The communities in the ever expanding proposed new district would be too great a financial burden to bear. We helped support and pay for the growth in the proposed Alpine district and it's only fair that they help pay for the growth in the proposed Pioneer district. The home values in the proposed Pioneer district are too low to support a rapidly expanding growth area. The start up costs are too high. Once a sufficient infrastructure is built and in place to handle the current and expected growth with sufficient schools for the Eagle Mtn, Saratoga Springs, Cedar Fort, and Lehi areas, then I would support a split. Right now it is unfair cost wise to place such a heavy financial burden on those of us who live in a mature area having to pay for all of these new communities.	N
Michelle Howell concerned parent	13163	I am absolutely opposed to the division of the Alpine School District as the proposal now stands. I feel the facts being used in support of the division have been grossly misrepresented to the public. I am also disappointed in the fact that Representative Cox is a member of the committee studying the issue, as I feel this is a major conflict of interest.	N

13176	I live in Northeast Lehi and would be directly impacted by the proposed division. In my fairly new, relatively wealthy, neighborhood, the most important concern is the overcrowding in the local area schools - particularly the high school and junior high. In order to accomodate the scores of young children in the new Lehi developments, I believe it is imperative that an additional 2+ junior high schools and a new high school be built as soon as possible. Lehi High is already the worst High School in the District. With 2x or 3x current enrollment, this is a recipe for disaster. I personally am willing to pay whatever is necessary in taxes, whether within the current Alpine District or a new District, to create top quality opportunities for my 4 young children, two of which are currently enrolled. Additional charter schools might also be an option. I would assume that the Alpine District could do a better job in a shorter amount of time, but it seems that Lehi, which is on track to become one of the largest Cities in the State in the next 5-10 years, is perennially neglected. I say this having 9 siblings who graduated from Orem High, four of which are still living/raising families in Orem. I would encourage the committee to facilitate whatever actions are necessary to develop a	
Patrick Malone		
13196	I feel that the people supporting the split have not been honest about the affects of the split and how it will be funded. Class sizes have also been misrepresented.	N
Ro Davies		
13257	When your petition was passed around I was told that it was a study into whether it would be a good thing to split from the Alpine school district, and not told by signing it I was for the split. I am not for the split nor will I ever be for the splitting of the school district.	N
Elisa Reese		
13305	Most of the people in my neighborhood feel that if the district is split and Lehi we will all sell our houses for what ever money we can and move over to Highland though we would prefer to stay in Lehi. And then we would try to end David Cox's political career for making us have to move to leave the worst school district in the state.	N
13329	I am very interested and worried about this issue. I am in a possition to educate people in Lehi about the split and what is going on. Please update me on any information, meetings etc that may be coming up.	
Katherine Jones		
13366	Simply that i want the best possible education for my kids. I am prepared to get involved and do what i can, but expect that the State, based on taxes i pay to them, provide a satisfactory framework and infrastructure.	
Tony du Preez assitant head of home!! the du preez family		
13415	I feel that some kind of head tax should be considered.	
Arnie Cardon Tax payer		
13427	I don't mind spending tax money on education. However, is it really fair for those people east of Lehi to be complaining about supporting this side of the county when people like me have been supporting their kids all this time (within the school district) and we have had no kids enrolled in school? Everybody takes a turn supporting each other. It's the circle of life. Yes, sometimes it may seem unfair, but everything evens out in the end. Also, I am on the school board for a new public charter school, the Ranches Academy. My tax dollars are paying for a \$200 million bond to pay for an overcrowded elementary school near my residence, while our school board has had to solely come up with the money to build our new school with no donations from anyone, yet, we have done it and I'm not complaining about the tax dollars going towards somebody else's education and a school my children won't even attend. I can also guarantee I don't make as much money as the east side salaries of the school district. Why are we being punished because we aren't affluent and live on the "affluent" side of the tracks? Because basically that is how the boundaries divide the new school district, statistics do not lie. Thank you for letting me state my comments.	
Jennifer Maroney		
13455	The amount of money already spent on administration is outrageous. There are too many assistance superintendents and supporting staff in administration. Much more money would be available to students if administration were more cost effective.	N
13489	The tax revenue base for a new district would not be equitable, placing a far greater burden upon the residence of the proposed new district.	N
Brent Eggleston		
13560	I could go on and on with reasons why I oppose this proposition. My main concern is for my own five children's education. If I really believed that this split would be beneficial, I would back it in spite of the huge increase in taxes. As a member of my local PTA, I know the facts. I know that every reason they submit as to why this split would be great for our kids, has a bigger reason of why this split would do nothing for our children's educational growth. I also know that a lot of signatures on the original petition were deceived into signing the petition. They were approached with questions like "Do you want your child to have smaller class sizes?" or "Do you want a smaller more personal school district?". So of course they said "Yes" who wouldn't? But what they were not told was the price we would pay for those luxuries. Never were they told the cold hard reality, that splitting the district will most likely not even result in the benefits they were told would come about from a split. I have talked to a number of people who wish there was some way they could get their names removed from that petition--a petition they were told would bring about nothing but investigations--nothing permanent. Please keep this off the ballot--for the sake of our children --please	N
Jamie Forsyth Secretary Snow Springs PTA/ Saratoga Shores PTA		
13586	If the Alpine School District had a school board meeting format where an open dialogue, between the public and the school board, could exist many of the frustrations and concerns tax payers have could have been addressed months ago. I have attended many school board meetings over the last year. It appears to many that the board and district administrators are afraid to answer the tough questions. The public can make comments and then you are contacted by the district by mail. When I made a public statement at a school board meeting it was 7 weeks before I was contacted by mail and my concerns still have not been addressed. I signed the petition to give the Alpine School District a wake-up call. Many people are fed up regarding the unresponsiveness of the school district.	N
13637	Not only were the survey questions unclear, but they were slanted, even manipulating and leading people to vote in the affirmative for the proposed split. A survey that is unbiased would produce accurate results. The proposed split will not benefit me or my family in the short term OR the long term. It is a poorly conceived proposition, based on bad judgment and quick decision making, and only sabotages the consumer and home owner in this area. I vehemently oppose this proposal and demand that it do not make it to the ballot come November. The voices of those in the communities in which the proposed split is to occur must be heard.	N
Ms. Smith		
13665	The last thing this state needs is another school district. We have too many as it stands now. All this creates is more burden to the state tax allowances. Why does the state of Utah need more school districts than the entire city of Los Angeles (which only has one district)? The LA population base is so much larger than the entire state of Utah. Another school district just costs all resident of the state more money. Money more for administration. More school districts only mean more administrators. Growth from other cities for the last 20 years has been supported by the residents of Lehi. It's about time for reciprocity. With increased taxes for a new school district the commercial sector will find other communitites to do business. Thereby stifling growth in Lehi.	N
Dr. Steven Royall		
13719	I signed the petition in order to see what the feasibility of creating a new district would be since my child will be entering the education system in a couple of years. The data I have seen so far does not encourage me. I cannot support such a large increase in property taxes, loss of infrastructure and increased class size at this time. If the northern part of the district needs more representation then lets find a way to obtain that, but I cannot support a district split at this time. It is too costly for young families in several ways.	N
Scott Campbell		

13776 Carolyn Lutze	I did sign the petition to investigate the feasibility of dividing the school district. After understanding the findings, I am completely opposed to dividing the Alpine School District. I am very angry, as well as many other people, that our names on that petition are being used to say that we that signed it are in support of dividing the school district. I only signed it to have the study done regarding the split of the Alpine School District. The action of using our names on that petition in this manner is fraudulent and deceitful.	N
13804 Laurie Wilcox	I appreciate this survey opportunity to let my voice be heard. I feel I was misled early on with this issue and should not have signed the petition supporting investigation into a split. I have since learned more about the effects of a split and do not feel it is beneficial to our area. I regret signing the petition and wish I could remove my name and encourage others similarly misled into not signing either.	N
13872 Sandy Bastian	I feel that the proposed Pioneer District would be a disastrous decision. I feel that our schools would be second rate. The financial situation would be so disparate in the new district that it would effect the quality of education our children would get. It would be very difficult to attract the type and quality of teachers that already exist in the schools now. Good teachers with experience do not want to gamble their own families' well-being and possibly give up their current salaries just to teach at the same school. I feel if the district did split, and I chose to move because I did not feel my child was getting the education she deserved that I would not be able to sell my home because our area will have this tax increase over it's head. Not only that, but many people in this area don't have the incomes to support a tax increase as the one proposed. No one should be forced to pay the exceptionally high increased taxes to support a new school district that most likely will be worse off than the existing one. I am all for raising taxes to support education, in general, but not to fund this school district. I feel our tax dollars would go farther funding the current Alpine school district than a new smaller one. I like that in a larger school district our children have more o	N
13874 Jessica Richins concerned parent NA	I am a Lehi parent of 2 school age children with 2 more who are only a few years away. I am ADAMANTLY opposed to splitting the School District. The district officials are doing a wonderful job and I am desperately afraid of the impact a split would have on my children and their education.	N
13924	Never had the opportunity to sign a petition. We are strongly opposed to the split. The current taxes for the Alpine district are already too high. especially for those of us that are low income.	N
13991	We strongly oppose the decision to create the new pioneer school district. We feel this would be a huge mistake!	N
14051	Splitting the Alpine District would impact my children who would enroll in a couple of years in a negative way. I don't believe there would be lower class sizes and more educational opportunities in the new proposed district which is where we live. Also as a teacher, I think that salaries and benefits would not get better. I believe that Alpine School District does many things to ensure learning and success for all students. I also don't want to have my taxes raised up to 90% to pay for the new district. This split would be unfair to children, teachers, and homeowners. At this time I can see no benefit in splitting the district.	N
14063	The split of Alpine School District is ridiculous. The proposal has been misrepresented to residents by the proponents of the split. Many who signed the petition were told that it was a petition to survey a new school district, they were not and still are not in favor of a split.	N
14087 Annette Madruga	I don't want this split of the school district. It will leave a great tax burden on all homeowners. I already paid over a \$1000 for my property. I am sick and tired of Lehi Students coming to me for a fund raiser. My son would not be in Freedom Elem. We have already given money and support to this new school building. His Kider. class already have 26 children. The schools are already crowded. This new district would make things worth. I don't want to additional burden this in district would create. This is a very bad plan. Keep us in Alpine District. Do Not make any changes. It is not a good idea.	N
14111 William Brent Dowdle	I plan to have children in my home soon. I am living in Traverse Mountain, and would prefer to spread the cost of the new schools in which they will be enrolled over all of the taxpayers in Alpine School District as opposed to a much smaller tax base of just Lehi (84043 zip code).	N
14130	We cannot afford to live in Lehi if our taxes increase. I do not like the new math program, but do not want the district to change because of it. I supplement my children's education where I feel is necessary. I feel that the new math program is not complete, but I feel that it is my responsibility to fill in the gaps.	N
14152	We do not want the district to be split!!!!!! People who are complaining about the new math program should spend more time teaching their kids!!	N
14217 Kathy Greer a concerned parent	I am very concerned about the split. I recently moved to Lehi and I would have never considered moving here had I understood this issue. I feel that the split is a very bad idea with poor outcome for our children. I feel our taxes would be increased with no benefit for our children. As a parent I would feel much better about donating \$100 to the classroom for each of my children than having a huge tax increase that my children may see very little of. This is far too costly and I feel a huge waste of money. We do not need this split. Please do not split the district. Our children will do much better improving what we already have in place for them rather than decreasing their benefits and opportunities.	N
14241 John Deming	You are asking a relatively young, lower middle-class population base to fund a new school district, including building new schools and maintaining existing ones. The majority of families residing in Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs are very young families, just getting started in life. The explosive growth in these areas cannot possibly financially support the "vision" Representative Cox has for a "high class, high quality" school district. We should be concentrating our resources on improving our current school district and making it the best.	N
14274 Jason Dahl, Ph.D.	This initiative was not proposed by, nor is it supported by myself, my wife, or any of our neighbors of whom I am aware and have discussed with in North Lehi. It is a flawed proposal because it would be like cutting off a stem of the plant without giving it sufficient root. I do not believe that such a small district without the infrastructure, funding and experience that is likely to be provided is academically or financially viable. I cannot understand what the possible motivation might be for anyone in my area to support this and I am disappointed if others in larger, more established communities feel justified in seeking a relatively small fiscal improvement at the much greater sacrifice incurred in the education of students in other communities. Although I am not happy with some of the curriculum choices that have been made by the Alpine School District administration, on the whole the District does a good job educating and providing for students. Differences in philosophy have never been resolved by rash judgments in policy. It would be mistake to continue to endow life to such a foolish course of action with continued consideration.	N
14317 DAVID MORTENSEN	I KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT THIS ISSUE. I HAVE HEARD THAT IT WOULD MAKE MY PROPERTY VALUE GO DOWN AND TAXES GO UP. I WAS WONDERING IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT CAN TELL ME THE PROS AND CONS OF THE SPLIT. WHY WAS IT EVEN PROPOSED?	
14334	I think that the school district change proposed should be rethought. I am for a smaller school district but what is being proposed is too small to keep up with the demands the educational system will put on it. Add another city into the fray like American Fork.	N
14362	I would like to see the school district split, but the proposed district is too small - it should include American Fork as well.	N
14415	There is no justifiable reason for splitting Alpine School District!! The tax burden would be UNBEARABLE!!! With an "HONEST" effort, school districts could be MUCH more efficient and effective and achieve the quality so DESPERATELY NEEDED!!! Why not try actually listening to and caring about what parents have to say and trying to implement some of their best ideas. We aren't as stupid as you assume us to be-we truly love and care about our kids and their peers and want them to succeed!!! That could mean that we DO have good ideas and input!!!	N

14427	I believe Alpine school district has and will continue to provide the best new techniques for education and that there is a commitment to research. I believe the pioneer school district is proposed by people who will remove the educational opportunities my children now enjoy.	N
debbie holm		
14458	I realize that I am taking this survey at the very last moment. I was not aware of this sight until last night. I want to express my vehemence at the thought of creating a school district that would A- Increase our taxes. B- Split a school district that is obviously doing quite well at meeting the needs of our students. and C- Create a school district that would be the POOREST in the State. Yes I do realize that the tax increase would help alleviate that problem, so let me refer back to my first point of concern. I'm not sure who is responsible for deriving such an absurd and preposterous idea as this, but let me make my point perfectly clear. Many of us moved to this area, not only for it's aesthetic value, but also for it's ethic and moral values. We do not see where the creation of a POOR and CLEARLY UNSUPPORTED school district would benefit anyone involved. It would behoove us to remember the old adage and I quote "if it ain't broken don't fix it." Leave the school district and it's boundaries as currently constituted.	N
Cory Larsen Father A concerned and frustrated parent!		
14471	I do not support the Pioneer School District split from Alpine School District. I do not believe it would solve current educational issues in Alpine School District, and it would increase taxes too much for many young families who are already stretched financially.	N
Tiffany Shapiro		
14488	I am a homeowner in the proposed pioneer school district boundaries. I do not have children in the school district yet only because they are not old enough. I plan on having my children attend Alpine school district. It is one of the reasons I moved into the area. I have read the information on the tax study done on the proposed split. I do not see raising property taxes up to 90 percent over the next 5 years as good choice for the proposed pioneer school district area. Most people in my area have young children and are young families. We are starting out and can't afford a near doubling of our property taxes. Beyond that once my kids are old enough to go to school new schools will need to be build. Bonds will need to be issued to foot the bill. That means more taxes not included in the study. I also don't see concrete advantages leaving alpine school district. It is a good district. It has good teachers. Why would any good teacher that could stay with alpine school district leave it to have the uncertain pay of a new school district after one year? We would lose any good teachers that could stay with alpine if the district split. The idea of more local control doesn't motivate me to split either. Parents can be just as active in a small school district as in a large	N
Jacob Derington Registered voter		
14500	I think it would be a terrible injustice to the citizens of Lehi to ask them to fund a school district by themselves. We've supported Orem for many years. Let them help the rest of us. Our kids are deserving too!!	N
ReNae Curtis		
14524	I am already concerned about the lack of programs offered in Lehi Schools. There is a great disparity compared to the other schools in the district as I see it. Furthermore, I am concerned about Lehi's ability to fund a district on their own without much commercial tax base available.	N
Kim Conant		
14637	Survey was Very Biased towards making the split happen. There needs to be equal number of questions or reasons not to do the survey. Thanks for the opportunity to participate.	
14726	i personally am against splitting the alpine school district and making a new one.	N
14738	i am personally against the splitting of Alpine School District. if you have any questions contact me.	N
Lynette Nielsen		
14774	I am a resident of Eagle Mountain and am truly concerned about this district division. I believe in smaller schools and more opportunities, but I also believe that we are too small right now for a division in the Alpine School District. If we had the business base and the tax base necessary to support another district, I think this would be a wise choice, but we as citizens do not have the financial base necessary to support such a large organization. We also do not have the financial means to support the necessary programs, teachers, schools and resources that are necessary for a new district. Examining this in ten to twenty years would be wise, but now is not the time. If you take the per capita income and the current property taxes, you would quickly realize that the residents of the proposed district could not support such a move. Most of the revenues should come from businesses profit revenues, not from the residents. An article in the Crossroads Journal, it was estimated that our taxes would raise by 90% over the next ten years if such a proposal were to go through. This would be financial suicide for many residents and would also detract other businesses from investing their interests into our city. This is not a wise decision and should be po	N
Jonathan Alva Eagle Mountain Resident		
14799	I think it would be very unfortunate to split the school district. Alpine school district needs to put politics behind it, get over Lehi as the "ugly step-sister" and make fair and equitable decisions. It's time to put the "good 'ol boy" mentality to rest and make decisions that are fair to Lehi and outlying areas based on the growin population here and its needs.	N
14811	I currently reside in northeast Lehi. If the proposed change were to take place, then my daughter would no longer go to Freedom Elementary but to an existing Lehi school. Which, as I hear, is already overcrowded. How long till a new school could be built. How many new schools (elementary, Jr.High, Sr.High) would be needed immediately. What are the future predictions for new schools in this proposed area. (I imagine that the Saratoga Springs/ Eagle Mountain areas will need a couple of new schools soon.) Thanks for any answers you can provide	
Ryan Jones Dr.		
14859	I believe there should be a closer scrutiny and auditing of the Alpine School District's budget. There needs to be some tightening in spending on unnecessary items. The answer isn't always more money, the answer is wiser spending and greater accountability for that spending.	
14871	There is too much waste in spending. There needs to be more accountability for Alpine School District's spending.	
14895	One of the most important reasons we moved to Utah county and most importantly Lehi was the strong reputation Alpine School District has regarding academic testing etc. To remove Lehi schools from the Alpine District opens the door for harm to the academic opportunities of the students and resources for the administration and teachers. LEAVE IT THE WAY IT IS!!!!!!	N
14943	I do not feel like the financial side of this decision has been evaluated to the extent it needs to be. Lehi does not have the large business base to help support a 40% increase in taxes. Also, if this does pass, it will cripple the already existing business' in Lehi and discourage the larger business' from developing in our area. Why would they choose to come to the Pioneer school district and pay higher taxes when they can build a few miles down the road and have lower taxes? Also, you are asking an area of people who already have a higher percentage of bankruptcy to increase our taxes. I can only imagine how many homes are going to go up for sale in the Pioneer school district if this division occurs. I understand that the Alpine district is large but we need to allow our area to develop and become more financially stable before we divide.	N
Leslie Huggins		
14955	Please consider the duplicative costs of running a second administration and other district costs. There have been no evidences cited nor persuasive arguments made that having a separate district will improve education in the new district. My instinct says that this will create severe disadvantages to the new district in terms of hiring competent teachers and staff as well as creating a less effective curriculum and set of educational programs. Please do not split the district!!	N
Marcus Phillips		
15075	I believe in theory the idea is appealing, but not well thought out. #1 How would "Lehi" fund these schools, which there would need to be more built for the children to have smaller schools and smaller classrooms! They would have to increase taxes. We do not get taxes from Non profit org., such as Thanksgiving point and Micron which isn't functioning at a level to provide much. When would all these schools be ready? #2 The High School is over compacity already and, with the increase in students and new homes we would need more buildings than we could afford or tax for. Have you researched 1-3rd grade classes and seen how large they are. They will be in HS in 7-9 years and have you calculated how large our high school would be? I think it is too soon and not well calculated! More research needs to be made!	N
Mary Scharman Stay at Home Wife and Mother		

Darin Pack Citizen	15132	As proposed, I believe that the creation of a "Pioneer School District" is a poorly crafted proposal, and should not even be considered for placement on the ballot. If it makes it there, I for one will oppose it. If this proposal were to encompass a larger area, such as the proposed area including such areas as Alpine, Highland, Cedar Hills at a minimum, but also considering American Fork & Pleasant Grove, it would then have more merit. Rep. David Cox has given me his pitch. I have also read the comments of those opposed to this change. The information given me by said parties contradict each other. There has been very little substantive information given to the voters to form their opinions. I support an improved education for our children, but do not believe that by doing so, others should shoulder an excessive burden. The option of private schooling is always available those those able and willing take advantage of it. Please make an educated decision on this matter, not just one that is political in nature.	N
Doug Hadfield same retired educator	15161	I feel the folks pushing the new school district just don't understand how expensive the proposition will be. I have an aged mother who is worried sick about tax increases that would be caused by this proposal.	N
Kim Briggs	15184	I strongly support splitting the Alpine District! Studies show that smaller districts use money more efficiently, thus more money makes it to the classroom. We could use less administration with big paychecks!	Y
J. Dever	15221	The proposed split really doesn't make sense. My child attends Eaglecrest Elementary in Lehi and we have been quite pleased with the amount of control we have as parents. Mr. Bushman and the teachers we have worked with have all been wonderful and ready to work with us and with the needs of our child. How much more control do we need unless it is to home school our children. My child is in need of a smaller class size because of learning disabilities. If the split were to take place we would not only lose the quality teachers that we have has the opportunity to work with, but her school would grow tremendously as we incorporate the students from Freedom Elementary back into our school. The level of education she has will decrease and her ability to learn would not be as strong. Please do not make these changes to our school district. Just the fact alone that many of our quality teachers have declared that they would stay with the Alpine district if there was a split is enough to cause my family alarm.	N
Roger O. Taylor Father of four students	15245	I was not sure about the split when I first heard about it through a friends email. Then the other day I received a flyer on my door concerning the myths and facts of the split. There were a number of points in this flyer that concerned me, i.e. taxes, new district coming up with upfront costs, established teachers going with the established district, etc. What is the response to the negative points being campaigned? A notice in the papers or to individual homes would help because as of right now - my vote no based on this flyer. What are the reasons for the split? What are the benefits? What are the hurdles expected (honestly)? I would like to make an informed decision for my children's education.	
Keri Byington Work-hard-for-my- money Taxpayer/Parent	15257	This is the dumbest most brain dead idea i've ever heard of. I don't know why Dave Cox fabricated this crazy idea. How many people will actually benefit from this split? Maybe a handful?? Boy is his backside outta-there come the next election. Smaller school districts equal more pencil pushers not better education!!	N
Sherrie Frampton	15265	I have read many of the articles about the split in the papers and feel that now is not the best time for a split. I also feel that there needs to be more local control of each city's school needs. I know that the people elect the board but there needs to be another way for local people to have more say in their own community school needs than to have someone from another community trying to represent those people. I never really realized until the recent controversy how important that is. The will of the people should be compelling to the board and not just someone elses opinions. Surveys should be done and the will of the community should be the deciding factor. I grew up in Lehi and my kids grew up in Lehi. I felt that the will of the community was not upheld.	N
Marco Palacios	15267	I am not sure which is the best course to pursue. There needs to be a better effort made or information made available so people can make a better decision. There needs to be some honest, clear and unbiased pros and cons presented for both sides. Will teachers have a choice to stay or go. What are the costs associated with starting up a new district? What are the cost of not starting one? What are the real benefits? Why should it matter to families how big the district is if at the school level, things remain the same? or will they? Why or why not. Will property taxes go up and if so how much and why.	
	15297	Glad to know that you're actually taking some sort of survey. This has been going for six months? Too bad very few people have actually known where to participate until now! It's a good thing you're not trying to sell us on this idea, or you'd be broke!	
Barbara Green Media Specialist Eaglecrest Elem.	15341	I don't feel we would benefit from a district split at this time. I live and work for the ASD and there is too many complicated situations that would be affected. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. And, if so, who would pay for the fixing of it???	N
Julie Jackson	15377	I believe a very small percent of people in Lehi are in support of this split. Those who have educated themselves on the issues understand that it is not a good option at this time. We are a growing city, with a growing need for schools. I do not want to split the district.	N
Rebecca Ekstrom	15556	We strongly oppose the proposed split of the Alpine School district! We do NOT feel that it would be in the best interest of our children or our community.	N
Janece Leany	15580	I live in the Lehi area, and I am strongly against splitting the current Alpine School District. I was educated in the Alpine School District and chose to stay in this area so my children would be able to get a quality education. I think that creating a new district would not give my children that quality education they deserve! I do not believe a new school district would have the sufficient funding to adequately fund educational opportunities for my children. I also believe that many veteran teachers would chose not to move to the new school district creating a poor educational experience for my children. A good education is so important for the children of the Lehi area and splitting the district will be so detrimental to them. I know the process for splitting the district begin in the Lehi area but many many of us do not agree with that!!	N
	15676	I believe that duplication of necessary services by creating a new district would considerably add to the cost and hence the tax burden for education. I do not believe it would improve the quality of education the students will receive. It is a way of shifting all the burden for growth to a smaller tax base and protecting the established areas, with the exception of Lehi. Coming from Salt Lake County, the school district we were part of there was at least as large as the current Alpine district. The only thing to be gained is increased cost.	N
Lisa Smith	15688	I believe that although there are potential benefits to smaller school districts, they are far outweighed by potential risks in this area at this time. A much greater commercial tax base is needed before a school district could be effectively supported in this area. At some future date, when the proper support system is in place, I may be in favor of a split, but not right now! Please remember that many residents in this area, myself included, are newly arrived here. We weren't around when the first petition for a new school district was signed, and are largely unaware of the issues at hand. The flyers are helping, but don't get frustrated about people suddenly coming out of the woodwork with complaints and opposition; many of us are newly arrived on the scene and are getting up to speed as fast as possible. I would hope that this issue could become highly publicized for all residents to explore both sides of the issue, as a service to all involved.	N

Linda Morgan homeowner/taxpayer/citizen	15712	Thank you for providing an opportunity for me to discuss my displeasure with this idea. It is totally against my wishes to split the district. At a further date when we do have more of a business backing to support the tax base then and only then I feel it would be more appropriate to consider this measure. But then and only then will it be appropriate. What about the tenure of the teachers? What about the salaries of the tenured teachers? I would have to move out of my home if the taxes were to increase enough to support a new district at this time. I cannot afford an increase that would support this idea at this time. I think we are probably 5 to 10 years early on it./	N
	15736	Both my husband and I do not support the split. We are in a starter home and hope to sell in a few years. The increase in property tax would make it very difficult to sell. Also as a current teacher in the Alpine District, I would not want to work for an unproven, underfunded District. The best teachers will stay with Alpine and the Pioneer District would be left with the less experienced and less qualified teachers.	N
Karen Boyd Treasurer Eaglecrest Elem. PTA	15761	I am surprised that there has been so little public information or notification to the people in Lehi about this proposal. I have lived here 5 years and have just been made aware that the committee will be making recommendations this week. It is hard to support a proposal that we have been given no information about that could potentially RAISE our taxes and CUT resources to our children. Please increase public notice and input! (I am on our elementary school PTA board, by the way.)	
Jennifer L. Brown	15773	I fail to see how this split could possibly benefit our student population or the teachers in a new district. That being said, I sure as Heck don't want my taxes to go any higher than they already are! Insult to injury would be to pay more taxes and not see any improvements to the children's educational experience. I'm not impressed by newer, fancier buildings - I'm impressed by better educated students!	N
Don Bastian	15785	I do not think that splitting the ASD is a wise choice. Most of the claims about the benefits of a small district are not well founded, not to mention the indicated increases to taxes for people in the Lehi area will slow the rate of growth in the area. This will only cause further problems for a new/developing area. The split would also have adverse effects on the students in the Lehi area as upper level and lower level programs would have to be cancelled. These programs are only able to be funded in large districts.	N
Mart Withers Parent	15866	Our family is very much against splitting the district, because improved education will not be the result. We are, however, in favor of improved education, smaller class sizes, and more advanced education programs. Ultimately, we are concerned about the education our children will receive (in the years to come...our children are elementary aged) in the Lehi Junior High and Lehi High Schools. We seek more advanced curriculum, different opportunities, and better teaching.	N
Col and Mrs. Roger D. Maher	15902	I think dividing the district would be a good move. But I do not support the lines decided. I would like to see it divided between Lindon to the south/ and Pleasant Grove north. That would give both districts a commercial tax base to help fund the districts. I would also like to see the division to be funded equally by both districts. We are a military family just recently retired here after 30 years We've lived all over the US and overseas. Lehi High School has the worst academic programs/opportunities that we have EVER see in any school. What can be done to help that? How many classrooms were added to their new High School after all the renovations?.....the number "floating" around is only 6... Education is everyone's future. Thank you.	Y
M. Felt	15951	The idea of creating a new school district has valid points but should not even be considered. The economy of the north valley is such that to eliminate all tax benefits of the south end of the district would be financial suicide. People would move away from the Lehi area in droves because, to pay for the schools, the property taxes would skyrocket. New Jr. Highs and High Schools will need to be constructed in the next 20 years, all with climbing cost. Also, the longterm residents of Lehi should now see some help from Orem to build up school infrastructure. From the 80s on the residents of the rural school district have helped pay for Mt. View, Timpanogos, and Lone Peak High Schools, not to mention the school renovations and other school construction. To break off and assume more financial obligations would kill the development of the north end of the valley and would severely affect the opportunities afforded to our children. I agree that more control over the day-to-day functioning of our schools would be nice but there are too many risks to accomplish that. I would hate to end my years in Lehi and my family's 130+ year history over this.	N
	15975	not a particularly user friendly survey Rep. Cox's notion of smaller districts has merit - only one attempt was made to tell the public of the costs and that was suspect for accuracy - publish more about costs as seen by the select committee - Lehi for years saw District monies go to Orem area with little done in Lehi - Lehi often voted no on tax increases for education because then it was a rural, farming community with an older population - The worm seems to be turning now where Orem objects to monies spent in Lehi area where the growth now is - I fear that now the split District would cost Lehi people far too much to do little tax base, one report suggested that but has the committee report been published? My undecided vote is due to that - I wish government had restricted Lehi area growth until the infrastructure could handle growth - case in point is road congestion on Main St Lehi with nothing have been done to build spur roads. Why has the County, Lehi City and other government agencies not brought growth to a halt until those issues are corrected? Thank for the opportunity to respond	
Russ Felt Retired Educator	16006	smaller districts, schools etc is better - Rep Cox is right about that - they serve students better - one paper report said taxes would see huge increases with a split- Was that factual? Has the committee report been published? I am undecided until I for sure know cost impact. Why did not the County, City, State restrict growth until the infrastructure could handle growth - Traffic patterns are terrible with no correction in site and no growth restriction going on even now - It has been interesting that Orem always got the bulk of monies spent in the school district because growth was there and now they object to paying growth costs for Lehi area - I know this proposal has nothing to do with that issue (I do imagine Orem would want the split, more of their money spent there) but it is nice to see tax dollars being spent over here for a change - No wonder Lehi residents often voted no to bond issues in the past - rural, farm area with an older population and tax dollars being spent away from Lehi and now all that has changed - interesting	Y
Howard F. Bartlett Consultant Consulting Geologist for the DuPont Co.	16019	I intend to communicate my unhappiness to Rep. D. Cox as I have on many educational affairs. The tax base here in the Lehi area is not good enough to support the proposal and I and my wife have signed petition to not put on ballot as well not in favor. It will force me to move elsewhere, that I can promise and my children as well. If certain communities feel necessary to go it alone as Orem and Provo, let them, but I am amazed at the seemingly stupidity of this. My education is university and beyond, and I received a great education in secondary education in Utah and higher as well that let me compete with and on the global scale all over the world. Keep it simple and we would all do better. Thank you and good luck.	N
Chad L. Wilson	16066	We live in Lehi and are 100% opposed to the creation of a new school district. We are unwilling to see our taxes increase for the split to occur. We are almost positive that if the proposed "Pioneer District" comes to pass that taxes will eventually increase as much as 4 times (if you figure all of the new schools that will need to be built in the next 10 years.	N
Dean and Michelle Porcelli	16126	we are against the split. we are already suffering from inadequate academic, advanced, etc. programs that are offered in more prestigious areas, namely Lone Peak High School. We would lose many people from the area if the district split causing funding to be at a minimum.	N
Denee Laro	16186	I do not feel at this time is is wise too split the alpine school district. The Pioneer valley district does not have the tax basis too support this without comprising the children educational experience. The tax burden will lay on the homeowners and not the school district which is unfair.	N
	16201	This is crazy--Alpine district needs to remain the same. Does David Cox (who incidentally is a terrible teacher, and just wants to be	

Jan Davis teacher		superintendent)really think that ASD will give the buildings to the neqw district? We can just pay for them again. I have taught in ASD for 25 years and this is the dimbest thing I have ever heard of.	N
	16222	I would be a part of the new district. I'm worried if this gets on the ballet those in the ASD will vote for it as a way to reduce their tax burden and that the split will pass even though a majority of my neighbors appose the split.	N
	16249	Years and many hundreds of tax dollars have been spent in helping Orem, and American Fork high schools get their programs in place. Now you want to pull the tax base out from under Lehi and let it struggle on it's own. This is such a poor idea i am amazed that anyone could even think of proposing such a plan. In case you are wondering, 'No,' to the making of a new district, and 'No' to even considering placing it on the Nov. ballot. Wake up and smell the coffee, or postum or whatever.	N
	16283	I think the proposed new district is a ridiculous idea. There is not enough commercial tax base in the Lehi area to fund the district. I just don't see how it is even possible. I grew up in another north utah county town that faced the same growing pains as Lehi is now facing and I had a wonderful educational experience from elementary school through high school. I think the answers lie with the parents, teachers, and other employees. If we, as a community, continue to push for more educational programs and oppurtunities for our children, they will come. parental involvement is key. A new district is NOT the answer!	N
Nicole W. Revill			
	16307	While I do not have children currently attending school, they will both enroll within the next five years.	
Catherine Wiggins			
	16319	The proposed new district is funding compromised. Lehi is the only commerial based community on your list. As a retiree living on a fixed income, there is no way this proposal can benefit me as a citizen. The taxes would undoubetly be unacceptable. I would likely move to Salt Lake County.	N
John M. Tallon			
	16452	I am opposed to splitting the Alpine School District. I do not feel that it would be benifical to the students of Lehi. I feel that it would cost the students educational opportunities. I also believe that it would increase our taxes to such an extent that we could not afford to live here. No one in our family will ever vote to devide the district. The answer is NO-NO-NO. It makes me angry that I have supported the building of schools in Orem, AF, Alpine, etc. and now that it is our turn to have some buildings built they want to split the district. They don't want to support us in the same way we have supported them for years and years. Lehi has not received equal educational opportunities as other schools in the district-now there are those who want to make it even harder for the youth of Lehi to receive equal education opportunities.	N
Judi Johnson			
	16515	Alpine School District will be more responsive to local patrons if it is smaller. There are diverse needs between rural and suburban areas. By splitting the distict, each district will be better able to deal with the challenges each district faces.	Y
Michelle Allan			
	16578	My daughter will be entering school in a couple of years, and I think splitting the district is a terrible idea. It's not like we are being controlled by cities a hundred miles away - we already have a say. The lost tax dollars from communities such as Alpine and Highland would worsen the quality of education that Lehi can afford to offer. Doubling property taxes to cover the loss will just make this community more unattractive to residents and businesses alike. What is the real reason for this dumb idea? Somebody wants more political power?	N
Amy Swinford			
	16592	I wanted to be heard that I do NOT support the new school district at all in any shape or form. At this time it would be a big mistake, very messy and our children would be the ones to suffer.	N
Dorothy Ryan			
	16628	I dislike the investigations math program. I feel a balance between the old math and investigations would be more beneficial for our children. I have seen that my children are not getting the basic multiplication, double digit addition and subtraction, and division needed to be successful in Jr. High, High School and College.	Y
C. Bates			
	16640	I have to say that I am surprised that this issue has gone to this point. I hope that the committee will agree that although everyone is for smaller class sizes, this is not the way to do it. Mr. Cox proposes that this will be good for us, but I don't see that it is in anyone's best interest for this to go any further. Whether the District is split or not, there will still be the same number of students to educate--and we don't have the schools to do that, or the money to build new ones. I don't see why any of our tenured teachers would opt to go with the Pioneer District. I feel that those of us opposed to the split are at a disadvantage because 1 member of the ad hoc committee is obviously promoting the split. Please keep in mind that those of us in Lehi would be the ones hurt the most, not helped. Thank you.	N
Karen Ashman PTA President Eaglecrest Elementary			
	16676	Use of a petition suggesting study of feasibility for creation of a new school district, to mean that people want the new school district is a misinterpretation. I would support looking at the feasibility, however, with the current findings and lack of funding opportunities, I do not support the creation of a new school district and do not want this issue on the ballot where it is subject to responses of those that are well-intentioned, but uninformed. This survey should have included questions regarding the number of children, etc. that will be in Alpine (or Pioneer) Districts in the next 5 years. I will have 2 children in the school system within the next five years. I do have a vested interest in the outcome of this issue. Also in your list of most important, extracurricular activities outside of athletics should have been a category.	N
	16689	I do not feel it is in the best interest of the students, teachers or community. In addition to increasing our taxes, the quality of teachers, the availability for sports and academic opportunities would all be deminished. I would like to know what the individual who initiated this stupid proposal would get if it was to pass. With the continued growth in our community we need to ensure our children have the best teachers and educational opportunities to help them succeed as they venture into college. I know a number of current teachers who would not work for the new district and a number of teachers outside of the current district that would not be willing to come to work for the new district. This would most likely lead to poor quality of teachers available for the new district and our kids would suffer. FIND A NEW VENTURE TO GO AFTER AND LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE.	N
BONNIE CLARK			
	16713	NO SPLIT PLEASE Thank You	N
	16727	I feel a new district would have a negative impact on the community, via increase taxes and the quality of teachers and educational opportunities our kids would have. With no real tax base in the Lehi area and the only way to support this proposal is by increasene property tax it seems like a dumb idea at this time. Maybe in 5-10 years it might be a good idea, but not now. I understand the a number of our current teachers would not be willing to stay in the new district. How do you propose to attract quality teachers?	N
Cheri			
	16739	I am totally mystified about this whole thing. Why was I paying taxes on bonds to pay for Orem's buildings and now we are even considering letting Orem residents take the buildings AND decreased taxes while we once again are holding the bag for the tax man. I say let's build the structures we need here in the Northern end of the County, then we can all split and go on our happy ways. It just isn't right, if it gets on the ballot we are screwed because what Orem citizen wouldn't vote for loweing their taxes? We are outnumbered and would be forced into something that isn't right. 11% may not be much for everyone but it would be substantial for me and I do not agree with it.	N
Kenny			
	16788	I live in Lehi City and do NOT support the division of the ASD. I feel that the educational opportunities for my children would suffer. In addition people will be taxed right out of their homes - and for what - we will have teachers leave Lehi and stay with ASD for salary/benefits etc. - we will be left with nothing. I am not all that impressed with the Alpine School District administration and the waste that goes on but the alternative is much worse. Leave ASD as is. Do NOT hurt our children's future.	N
Diane Shumway			
	16824	This survey was very biased. You made it sound as if the district split was already in place. We as citizens of Lehi DO NOT WANT this split. Your survey should be addressing this issue and not where we want our tax dollars placed and how many children we have enrolled. Lehi does not have the tax base to fund a school district. We our a "bedroom community". Lehi does not have large businesses to support a school district. What few businesses we do have are now looking to move to American Fork. They are moving into the new complex by Wal-Mart. Please listen to the people and not the politicians. Get out and talk to the people on the streets of Lehi, listen to us at your community forums.	N

Judy Kirkham A Tax Payer		Please listen to the people and not the politicians. Get out and talk to the people on the streets or Lehi, listen to us at your community forums. We are trying to tell you what the majority want - are you listening?	
16868 Tracy Thornley Mr. Citizen		This is a horribly crafted survey. The fifth graders who created it should be helped along in their education. I do not understand the need to create smaller school districts. The Los Angeles Unified district is the nation's second largest district, with a K-12 student enrollment of more than 746,800. Geographically, it encompasses 704 square miles, an area that includes the City of Los Angeles and all or parts of 28 other cities, as well as some unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. The trend is to consolidate school districts creating efficiencies in management and operations. This Utah trend of more-smaller districts is inefficient, unnecessary and wrong.	N
16902 Roberta Peterson		I am concerned over the proposal for a new school district. We are a teacher friendly family. My husband taught school in Lehi for 32 years and several of my children are now teachers in the Alpine School District. I have had seven children go through the system and now have grandchildren in Alpine School District. This has been a great district and they have been well educated. I am concerned that many of our great teachers will leave Alpine because of the losing the benefits that have been theirs and that they are counting on for their families security. I am concerned over the increase of taxes (whatever it may be) because there are many of us that are retired and cannot afford an increase in taxes. I also do not want to see a decrease in classes that might be dropped because of lack of teachers or funding, such as some of the AP classes or classes for the challenged students. I do have many concerns over this proposal and I hope that it will be turned down for the benefit of the students and teachers. I am NOT in favor of this proposal.	N